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Fire engulfs abandoned store

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Fire engulfed the abandoned Pretty Market in Garapan and numerous homes that surrounded it yesterday afternoon, tying up traffic on both Middle Road and Beach Road for several hours and belching a huge plume of black and brown smoke into the air that could be seen for miles.

The fire, which reportedly started at the abandoned Pretty Market building in Garapan, was so huge that, by the time firefighters got to the area, it has already spread to neighboring buildings.

According to DFEMS public in-

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Photo shows the fire engulfing the Pretty Market area in Garapan.

VALERIE NAPUTI

Options explored to restart classes

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Torres administration are working with the CNMI Public School System on how to restore classes in all public elementary, middle, and high schools on Saipan.

Almost all public school classrooms on Saipan sustained major damage from Super Typhoon Yutu, with Hopwood Middle School and William S. Reyes Elementary School incurring total devastation. Some buildings at the Northern Marianas College were also ravaged by Yutu's destructive winds.

FEMA Region IX Deputy Regional Administrator Bill Roche said they are already assessing the damage and

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CUC: Only Feeder 1 remains online

» **CUC clears some roads from downed poles, installs 27 wooden poles on As Terlaje**

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has cleared some roads of fallen power poles and installed 27 wooden power poles along Monsignor Guerrero Road by the Kiya sub-station up to As Terlaje. However, only Feeder 1 grid areas have power as repairs were still being done at Power Plant 1 in Lower Base as of last night.

According to CUC, out of nine

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Hollywood Theaters temporarily closed

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Saipan big screen movie lovers may have to wait about a month as the Hollywood Theaters in San Jose, the only movie house in the CNMI, suffered extensive damage from Super Typhoon Yutu.

Powerful winds ripped apart a huge portion of a concrete wall in the back left side of the building.

Winds blew away a big part of the building's tin roof. A huge portion of the ceiling also collapsed, *Saipan Tribune* learned yesterday.

As of press time, *Saipan Tribune* was still contacting the theaters' general manager, William Santos, to know the target re-opening date.

There was also no comment yet

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Local

CEC to change designated polling places

The Commonwealth Election Commission board will hold an emergency meeting this Monday, Nov. 5, to change the designated polling places for the Nov. 13 general election.

CEC executive director Julita A. Villagomez said they cannot use the previous final designated polling places on Saipan and Tinian as a result of Super Typhoon Yutu's devastation. Many of the polling places are schools—many of which were damaged by the typhoon.

Villagomez said the board would need to adopt the changes for designated polling sites during the emergency meeting at CEC's office in Susupe Monday at 1pm.

Rota's designated polling place has not been changed.

CEC had adopted the final list of designated polling places last Oct. 18.

On Tuesday, Nov. 6, the early election for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota will commence.

Early voting for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota was supposed to commence last Oct. 30, while the general election was originally set for Nov. 6.

Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres last Monday postponed the early voting and the general election due to Super Typhoon Yutu's devastation on Saipan and Rota.

Villagomez said the early voting for Saipan will be at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, while on Tinian it's either at the Northern Marianas College-Tinian or at Tinian High School, and on Rota it will be at NMC-Rota. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Lease signing for divert airfield postponed

The scheduled signing of a lease agreement between the Commonwealth Ports Authority and the U.S. government for the U.S. Department of Defense's plan to put up a landing site—a divert airfield—for the U.S. Air Force on Tinian did not push through last Wednesday because of Super Typhoon Yutu's destruction on Tinian and Saipan.

CPA executive director Christopher S. Tenorio said the signing has been postponed. "We don't know yet about the date," Tenorio said.

He said the CPA's joint committee meeting set for last Monday was also canceled.

The signing of the lease agreement was supposed to be held at the Tinian International Airport's new departure terminal.

The joint committee meeting was also supposed to be held on Tinian last Monday. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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CHCC medical outreach in shelters served 241

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s medical outreach in shelters Wednesday morning and the whole of Tuesday saw at least 240 patients.

Samantha Birmingham-Babauta noted that at least 241 shelterees were given medical attention in several shelters throughout Saipan, including the Oleai Head Start, Tanapag Middle School, Kagman Community Center, the Saipan Aging Center, Saipan Southern High School, Dandan Headstart Center, and the San Vicente Elementary School last Tuesday and Wednesday.

A team consisting of one medical doctor or epidemiologist, one nurse, one immunization staff, one clerk, one pharmacy technician, and one crisis counselor visited each shelter.

Afternoon visits last Wednesday were for the Kagman Elementary School, the Tanapag Middle School, and the Kagman Community Center.

The teams were to be dispatched yesterday to the Saipan Aging Center, Kagman High School, Saipan Southern High School, and Marianas High School. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

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Marine water sampling temporarily suspended

Due to tremendous damage from Super Typhoon Yutu, the Division of Environmental Quality will be temporarily suspending all marine water sampling for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

To protect the public health, safety, and welfare, BECQ has raised red flags on many beach sites and suspended public use (fishing, swimming, etc.) within 300 feet of these locations until further notice.

The Saipan beaches affected are Wing Beach, Pau Pau Beach, Kensington Hotel, San Roque school, Plumeria Hotel, Aqua Resort Club, Tanapag Meeting Hall, Central Repair Shop, Seaplane Ramp, DPW channel bridge, Puerto Rico Dump, Outer Cove Marina, Smiling Cove Marina, American Memorial Park, Micro Beach, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, its adjacent drainage, Samoa Housing, Grotto Cave, Bird Island Beach, Hidden Beach, Jeffry's Beach, Old Man By The Sea, Marine Beach, Tank Beach, Forbidden Island, North Laulau Beach, South Laulau Beach, Obyan Beach, Ladder Beach, and Unai Dankulo.

Affected Tinian beaches are the Tachogna Beach, Taga Beach, Kammer Beach, Tinian Harbor, Leprosarium Beach 2, Leprosarium Beach 1, Unai Chulu, Unai Babui, UNai Dangkulo, and Unai Masalok Beach.

Affected Rota beaches are the Kokomo Beach Club, Mobil Storm Drain, East Harbor Dock, Tweksberry Beach, West Harbor Marina, District 2 storm drain, District 1 storm drain, Veterans Memorial, Teteto Beach, Guata Beach, Swimming Hole, and Talakhaya Beach.

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‘Loved ones should not be forgotten’

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Despite the widespread devastation of Super Typhoon Yutu, many Saipan residents still managed to make the traditional visit to the graves of their departed loved ones during yesterday’s All Saint’s Day.

With many areas of the Chalan Kanoa cemetery still riddled with debris such as roofing tins and some fallen trees, some families were able to use the opportunity to remember their loved ones.

For the Tudela family, who drops by the cemetery each year, remembering their departed loved ones is a way of giving back to them.

A gravesite is riddled with Super Typhoon Yutu debris as family members clean up the site. ERWIN ENCINARES

“It’s a yearly thing here in the Chamorro culture. It’s just a religious thing. They helped us a lot, and we can’t repay them for what they had done for us,” said Alvin Tudela, who was visiting his parents, grandparents, uncles, aunties, and some other family members when *Saipan Tribune* chanced upon him and his spouse, Zoranelle Camacho and daughter, Alana.

“Even though we had a big storm, we still try our best to fulfill [our annual duties],” he said. “It’s an appreciation for them too. Every day is an appreciation for them,” he added. “We are trying to show them that we are here. It’s a good way to express gratitude.”

His wife, Zoranelle, believes that remembering their loved ones on All Saint’s Day is also a way to get some breathing air from the challenges of Yutu, “the devastation and how everybody is suffering,” adding that she and her family are not exempted from the hardship. “For us, family is always first, even though they are deceased. At least there is a remembrance in our heart and soul,” she added.

Robert Cepeda, who was also at the cemetery, told *Saipan Tribune* that he finds a way to visit his father, no matter the situation.

“We have to check if there is damage in the cemetery. We have to clean it; we have to take care of it, make it beautiful,” he said.

Cepeda was with his aunt at his father’s gravesite, cutting overgrown grass and weeding the area. “Every [All Saint’s Day] I visit my father,” he said. Cepeda visits his father’s grave to repaint the site and maintain it.

“I sometimes visit with my family and my brothers, with my friends at times,” he said. Cepeda said he repaints the site every year.

SCS eyes reopening on Monday

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Saipan Community School is getting ready to open its doors to its students on Monday.

According to SCS principal Amanda Dunn, structural damage to the school wrought by Super Typhoon Yutu amounts to about $300,000, not taking into account curricular damage, which were drenched after its storage house’s roof was blown away.

SCS lost several roofs to Yutu, including a barely two-month-old roof for the generator room, costing about $30,000.

But since the school has been receiving help from both students and staff members, Dunn said SCS reopening on Monday is imminent.

“…It should have taken a lot longer for us to move everything we’ve [cleaned], but because we have such great manpower, it has been [already moved],” she said.

According to Dunn, a lot of SCS students live near the area.

Dunn said she is only waiting for the power; some water delivery; and for the Saipan Mayor’s Office to pick up the debris before the school can reopen.

Dunn added that a senior pastor residing in the campus also had his roof blown off.

“The biggest thing right now is that we are cleaning the campus and making it safe and secure so we can start classes,” she said.

The school serves about 131 students, from Kindergarten through 8th grade.

SCS told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that as of 3:30pm, they only needed water in the 2nd and 3rd grade bathrooms to continue classes on Monday. The mayor’s office also dropped by yesterday to pick up some of the scraps in the campus.

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formation officer Bobby Jean Taisacan, the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services received the report about the fire around noon.

Upon arriving to the scene, the fire was already engulfing the abandoned Pretty Market and was rapidly spreading toward the barracks behind it and the homes and establishments to the side of the abandoned building, Taisacan said.

Inhabitants of the homes and establishments surrounding Pretty Market were rapidly evacuated so there were no reports of any injuries or deaths, but a number of homes were destroyed in the fire.

An employee of Fujitec, the establishment right next to Pretty Market, said that they immediately evacuated once they started seeing the black smoke. He said they were not aware of what started the fire.

Taisacan said they were greatly concerned about the fire spreading to the Century Hotel, which was about 200 feet away, because the building has around 5,000 gallons of fuel that it uses to run its generators. Fortunately, the fire was contained before it could reach the hotel.

Taisacan said the fire was contained around 4pm, but still had to be completely extinguished as of press time yesterday.

The enormous fire caused a massive traffic jam on both Middle Road and Beach Road.

Shirley’s Coffee Shop located inside the Century Hotel was forced to close shop for fear of the fire traveling to the building and because the building was filled with smoke.

As of 5pm yesterday, the cause of the fire was still undetermined.

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are looking at how to address the situation.

“That would require us to provide temporary classrooms, at which point we’re going to work with contractors in the CNMI, PSS, and NMC to determine what type of units we should get,” said Roche in a press briefing yesterday.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Joint Region Marianas commander Rear Adm. Shoshana Chatfield, and U.S. military personnel from the Marines, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, and Army were also present in the press briefing held at the NMI Retirement Fund building.

Roche said they are looking at bringing equipment called “sprung structures” that could be used as temporary classrooms and offices. “You need to put them down on concrete pads. These are aluminum frame structures that open up. They are made from all-weather materials.”

“You can then bring in air-conditioning units, wastewater, and partitioning for classrooms and offices. That’s the target, based on the governor’s priorities. We’re working through PSS with the assessment process right now. We’re looking at ordering some stuff right now, get it here, and deploy it.”

He added that they would use all available resources in helping resume classes “once we secure a safe environment.”

Roche said that they are looking to do rapid repairs on some structures that were not severely damaged. “We’re probably looking at anywhere from six to eight weeks. A lot of schools are damaged and also at NMC.”

He added that they would look into repairing some of the facilities before looking for temporary locations where classes could be held for students. “We’re looking at schools up north that have not been heavily damaged to determine a plan and maybe consolidate schedules or do shifts. It’s too early to tell.”

“What we want to do first is to clear some sites and work toward getting some temporary facilities up. In the previous typhoon [on] Rota, we had an emergency roof repair program, where teams would come in and put up really solid temporary roofing to get structures safe.”

Backup plans

Besides assessing the school facilities, Torres said they are also looking at other backup plans like setting up temporary classrooms or moving classes to another facility “if it’s clear enough for us to build the temporary classrooms or look for another facility or location that was not heavily damage and repair it.”

“We have identified some facilities for Hopwood, which we all know was totally damaged. So, we’re also looking at consolidating Hopwood and San Antonio [Middle School] together. Or looking for another property for NMC while their current facilities are being repaired.

For now, it is impossible to give a date as to when the classes would resume. “I’m sure that we’re going to encounter other issues along the way. At least, you know that we looked at the schools. There’s also a plan to shorten the school year, whether from six months to eight months.”

Chatfield said military troops have been helping clear the island of typhoon debris. “The Marines have already done debris removal at some schools. We could see the possibility of school opening up sooner on Tinian than in Saipan.

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from the Tennessee-based Regal Entertainment Group, which owns Hollywood Theaters.

A construction worker said the ripped wall was in Auditorium 7 and that another auditorium also sustained minor damage.

Hollywood Theaters has seven auditoriums.

Saipan Tribune noticed that the affected wall is only about 2 inches thick.

At least four air-conditioners were also damaged.

The worker estimated that their company may complete the repairs within a month.

The company temporarily installed tarps on the roof to prevent rainwater from getting inside the building.

Hollywood Theaters also suffered severe damage after Typhoon Soudelor devastated the CNMI in August 2015 and it took the movie house several months to re-open.

Hollywood Theaters first opened in September 1999. In April 2008 it shut down reportedly due to the bad economy and rising operational costs.

Due to strong public demand, the movie theater reopened on May 23, 2008.

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feeders on Saipan, only Feeder 1 is on online.

Areas under Feeder 1 that have power are the Commonwealth Health Center in Garapan, Upper and Lower Navy Hill, Lower Miha, Anak’s Homes in Puerto Rico, Paganville, Sugar King Estates, Bank of Saipan to China Town, and JG Sablan Ice and Water Co.

Since Wednesday, Feeder 7 and Feeder 4 (first partial) areas are prepared to go online as soon as Power Plant 1 repairs are done and energized.

Feeder 7 areas are Lower Base, Sadog Tasi and Marpi. Feeder 4 (first partial) areas are Sadog Tasi to Capital Hill by the old Emergency Management Office building on Capital Hill.

On Tinian, as of yesterday morning all feeders remain offline and station power is on at the CUC Tinian Power Plant. Islandwide water services remain offline.

An additional 26 Guam Power Authority line crew, engineers, and other trade staff were expected to arrive on Saipan yesterday afternoon.

CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho said heavy equipment and vehicles arrived on the international cargo carrier Antonov in collaboration with GPA to assist with restoring power poles and fittings.

As for debris clearing, CUC cleared power poles and power lines from Beach Road to Joeten Susupe to Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

CUC crew cleared power poles at Commonwealth Ports Authority and Dandan Headstart.

Crew repaired streetlights for the reverse-osmosis system at Garapan Fishing Base.

In Kiya 2 area, CUC cleared downed power poles blocking typhoon shelter at San Vicente Elementary School and Dandan Headstart for water truck and trash trucks to have access.

On power transmission and distribution, CUC inspectors have removed 933 electric meters from damaged locations and for safety concerns from buildings.

On water operations, engineering is working with Federal Emergency Management Agency to install generators at several well sites.

On wastewater, CUC said all northern and southern collection systems and wastewater treatment plants are offline.

CUC said 10 lift stations are on emergency backup generator.

At noon yesterday, CUC reported that due to down power at the CUC Dandan office, the phone system is currently down, affecting the Call Center operation.

MyPros raises over $40,000 for Yutu relief

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The Marianas Young Professionals has raised over $40,000 through their Super Typhoon Yutu relief GoFundMe account and continues to raise more.

Just a week following Super Typhoon Yutu, the MYPros has surpassed its initial goal of raising $10,000 in Super Typhoon Yutu relief funds.

During a volunteer meeting last Tuesday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan, MyPros vice president Nola Hix said the organization's GoFundMe account had already surpassed its initial goal in just one day.

"Our goal was [initially] $10,000 and then we noticed that, in one day, we raised $10,000 and then the next day we raised another $10,000, so we're literally at $40,000 and growing," she said.

Hix said the organization will use the money to provide direct immediate assistance to those severely impacted by Yutu.

"We want to make sure the donors know that we are effectively using their money. We're not just spending it on canned goods here, canned goods there. We want to make sure that it's getting into the hands of people who need it the most," she said.

Hix said the money would used to buy relief goods that will be distributed directly into each village, and to purchase supplies to help clear villages of typhoon debris.

"The generosity is just so overwhelming. We're very grateful and this is why we established a Disaster Recovery Center, so we are able to receive all these items coming in and make sure that the items are distributed effectively and directly into the villages," she said.

MyPros also held its first orientation for volunteers who will help clean up their villages, and to assist in distributing goods from the MyPros Disaster Recovery Center.

"The main goal is to establish the largest islandwide disaster cleanup in history. We want to be able to show our business partners, our community, our leaders that we can take charge and basically mobilize and empower our people who have lost everything to rise up, together and help each other rebuild," said Hix.

Over 75 volunteers showed up for orientation last Tuesday but, according to Hix, there are actually 209 who registered.

Nov. 15 eyed target to reopen Saipan airport

Following last week's impact of Super Typhoon Yutu in the Marianas, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres assured local and international tourism partners that tourism recovery is proceeding steadily and rapidly in Saipan and Tinian with the accelerated assistance of U.S. federal and military partners from around the country.

The Office of the Governor announced a target date of Nov. 15, 2018, to reopen the Francisco C. Ada/ Saipan International Airport.

Assessments are currently being done in preparation for this target date. First responders are working to prioritize the airport's eventual reopening.

"We had a very productive meeting between the Commonwealth Ports Authority, the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, and our other industry partners to discuss immediate needs. We are united and determined to rebuild stronger than ever, and we look forward to reopening our beautiful shores soon to visitors from around the world. We are anticipating to resume incoming flights once all essential systems are full restored," said Torres.

"Under the leadership of Governor Torres, our targeted date is Nov. 15, which will also give additional time to work on recovery [on] Saipan and Tinian, which is already proceeding steadily. It also gives our tourism partners a target timeframe for planning purposes and to have confidence that we will be ready for a full holiday season beginning in December. Tourism will help generate the economic activity we need to keep people employed and generate revenue for the government to provide its regular services," said Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Christopher A. Concepcion.

Many major hotels on Saipan remain open under independent power and water systems, and based on preliminary data, nearly 75 percent of hotel rooms across Saipan remain open. Demand for hotel rooms remains high as emergency responders and residents vie for hotel rooms. Hotel pools, a popular amenity, are opened at most hotels with some limitations, including partial pool or water park closures. While full restoration of power to Saipan and Tinian will take time, businesses have re-opened with the use of generators, and water service is steadily being restored to the villages.

Interisland flights between Saipan and Tinian resumed on Monday, Oct. 29, 2018. Tinian is available for day trips. However, accessibility to visitor sites and accommodations may be limited. Rota was relatively unaffected by the storm, and tourism there continues as normal.

The Commonwealth Health Center continues to offer full services since the typhoon. Normal gas station operation hours have resumed at most stations. Landline telephone services were nominally affected, and internet and cellular services continue is available throughout most of Saipan.

Tree and debris-clearing continues at major tourist sites. The Tinian Cliff Fishing Derby scheduled for Nov. 9-11, 2018, and Hell of the Marianas scheduled for Dec. 1, 2018, have been cancelled to focus resources on recovery efforts.

Saipan and Tinian are rapidly recovering at a faster rate than initially expected. Once the Saipan airport is reopened, The Marianas will be ready to receive tourists from its key source markets of Japan, Korea, China, Taiwan and Russia. Visitors anticipating to travel to the Marianas should contact their airline, hotel, or tour operator for further details. ***(PR)***

'Over 3,000 households apply for help'

Over 3,000 households have already applied for assistance with Super Typhoon Yutu recovery, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan reported yesterday.

Registration is the first step in obtaining money from the Federal Emergency Management Agency—and other federal and non-profit sources—for help rebuilding homes and businesses and replacing clothing, appliances, and automobiles lost in the storm.

"People understand the importance of getting registered," Sablan said. "They have been very resourceful. Even people I talk to in the shelters, who have lost everything, have found a way to register for help."

To register call 1-800-621-3362 or log on to www.disasterassistance.gov. Sablan is also helping people to register at the congressional office in Susupe.

"We know that many people do not have phone service or access to the internet and need a place to go.

"The FEMA congressional liaison, also let me know that FEMA has opened an office at the Department of Commerce on Tinian today, where people can come to register," Sablan said.

Once registered, storm survivors will be contacted by an inspector from FEMA, who will look at their property and make a first-hand assessment of damage. The actual decision on how much assistance individuals will receive then comes by mail.

"The important first step is to get registered. Whether you think you qualify or not, get your name into the system," said Sablan.

Applicants will be asked for a lot number or other physical description of where they live. A bank account number and routing number, which can be found on a check or bank statement, is also useful to have. The head of the household must provide their full name, social security number, and date of birth; but this information is not required for other family members.

"We have been asked if renters can qualify; and the answer is yes," Sablan said. "We have been asked about families that have some U.S. citizens in the household. And, yes, they, too, can qualify. ***(PR)***

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Guam ancient village gone at Marine base, official says

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—The remnants of an ancient village have been removed at the site of a new U.S. Marine Corps base under construction in Guam, preservation officials said.

Guam Preservation Trust board member Dave Lotz said he visited the area Sunday and could not find the site or remnants of the ancient Chamoru village called Magua, the Pacific Daily News reported.

The trust, the U.S. Navy and the National Park Service had announced a proposal in May to create a historic preservation program near the new Marine base, featuring artifacts and information about the site.

Because he had not been informed on the project's status, Lotz said he decided to check on the site.

"We had an agreement," Lotz said. "It was something the Navy could do to show they were preserving the culture, but apparently they decided otherwise."

The military is dedicated to protecting cultural resources, and it has a qualified team that has collaborated with the Guam Preservation Trust, said Lt. Ian McConnaughey, Joint Region Marianas public affairs officer.

"Out of respect to the cultural significance of the displaced (artifacts), the Department of the Navy has recovered these artifacts and carefully placed them in a secure area pending a joint decision on their future interpretive use," McConnaughey said. "We are working closely with Guam SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) and GPT to prepare for future consultations regarding the treatment plan for the artifacts that have been recovered."

Data collected at the site suggests it was not permanently inhabited, but the spot served to process forest products, McConnaughey said. The military has followed federal guidelines for protecting cultural resources, he said.

Preventing mold after a typhoon

The likelihood of finding mold in households and properties increases drastically due to water damage caused by flooding, backed-up sewage, leaks, damp spaces, overflows or high humidity caused by a typhoon or hurricane. The Federal Emergency Management Agency, in collaboration with the CNMI government, encourages the community to take the following precautionary information and measures to ensure that their homes do not pose an immediate threat due to molding post-super typhoon Yutu.

Medical risks with molding

Mold spores or molding are caused by high humidity, moisture, and water and can easily be distributed in the air due to their microscopic size. It can cause a variety of health issues to anyone if not immediately removed after a disaster.

Mold poses a direct threat particularly to those with existing health issues such as asthma, allergies or respiratory problems; nasal, sinus and cough congestion; eyes, nose and skin irritation; nervous system issues; aches and pains; and other related medical conditions and symptoms.

Infants, children, elderly and those with weak immune systems are also susceptible to the hazardous effects of molding in homes and are encouraged to stay away from moldy sites until it has been completely removed.

Mold removal

Molding occurs within the first 24-48 hours after contamination if not tended to immediately after a typhoon and can also occur despite no visible damages to your property. All contaminated materials and properties that cannot be cleaned and dried should be removed and thrown away.

If possible, mold should be removed professionally. If you must remove the mold yourself, the following tips should be sufficient in removal and repair of your homes, establishments and properties:

■ Use the right cleaning materials—Trash bags, sponge, rags, scrub brush, broom, mop, buckets, correct cleaning products such as detergent and other necessary materials.

■ Wear protective gear—Protective eye masks/goggles, filter facemasks, gloves, long sleeved shirts, long pants, waterproof boots and other gear that will help you avoid contact with mold.

■ Dry the structure—Ensure all doors and windows are open to let the air out for at least 30 minutes before you stay any length of time.

• Open inside doors, especially closets and interior rooms.

• Open all cabinets and wipe them clean.

Circulate Air

■ Use fans and dehumidifiers when safe. Position fans to blow air out through doors and windows. · Remove All Contaminated Materials

■ Locate all contaminated structure materials and personal property. Remove and dispose of anything that was wet and can't be cleaned and dried completely.

■ Clean the property—Clean with water and detergent to remove all visible molds. Do not mix cleaning products together, such as bleach and ammonia because it can create toxic vapors. After cleaning, immediately take a shower and change your clothes as soon as possible to avoid carrying mold to your living quarters.

■ Repair the property—Do not paint or caulk over mold, as it will not prevent it from growing. All molds must be removed and all areas must be disinfected before repairs can be done.

For more information regarding preventing molding after a natural disaster, visit https://www.fema.gov. ***(PR)***

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November 1, 2018

PAYMENT RELIEF TO CDA TENANTS

On Tuesday, October 30, 2018, the Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) Board of Directors approved to grant payment relief to all the CDA Tenants, Saipan, Rota & Tinian, who are on the Lease-to-Own with Option to Purchase arrangement and who are leasing spaces at the CDA Building, Oleai, Saipan. Similar to CDA clients, CDA tenants suffered from the devastating effects of Typhoon Yutu. Payment relief is for three (3) months for Saipan & Tinian beginning November 2018 up to January 2019. For Rota, one (1) month additional payment relief is granted. The previous relief for Rota due to Typhoon Mangkhut ends December 2018; therefore, payment relief is extended to January 2019.

For questions, please contact us by phone or email, or visit our offices. Contact information follows:

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/s/ Donnie P. Militante
Acting Executive Director

$2.8M disaster relief employment aid

The CNMI Department of Labor's Workforce Investment Agency received last Wednesday $2,762,345 through the National Dislocated Worker Grant (formerly the National Emergency Grant) from the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration for U.S. citizens in the CNMI who became displaced or unemployed as a result of the impact by Typhoon Mangkhut on Rota and Super Typhoon Yutu on Saipan and Tinian.

This grant is designed to help U.S citizens on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, who meet WIOA eligibility requirements and were unemployed because of a natural disaster, who have been long-term unemployed (six months or more), or who are dislocated workers.

The grant provides funding for recipients to conduct debris clean up at assigned areas and other related disaster assistance.

The grant was originally intended for Typhoon Mangkhut, and now the CNMI is authorized to use the funds as a first phase of funding for Super Typhoon Yutu. DOL WIA will be announcing more details as information becomes available.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres expressed his gratitude for the swift action of the U.S. Department of Labor in awarding this important grant.

"We need to all come together and work toward restoring our islands by helping those who are also trying to find work or gainful employment during recovery. I am looking forward to more grant and other funding assistance to help our workforce," he said.

Labor Secretary Vicky Benavente said that her department had "been working hard to implement this grant way before we got notice of it this morning. We empathize with our valued workforce and organizations as we are all affected by these typhoons. We will be formally announcing locations and when to apply once we secure safe and functional facilities for the Department of Labor as required."

For more information, contact the CNMI Department of Labor at the Joeten Dandan building or by calling 285-7863, 285-4243 or 287-6956. ***(PR)***

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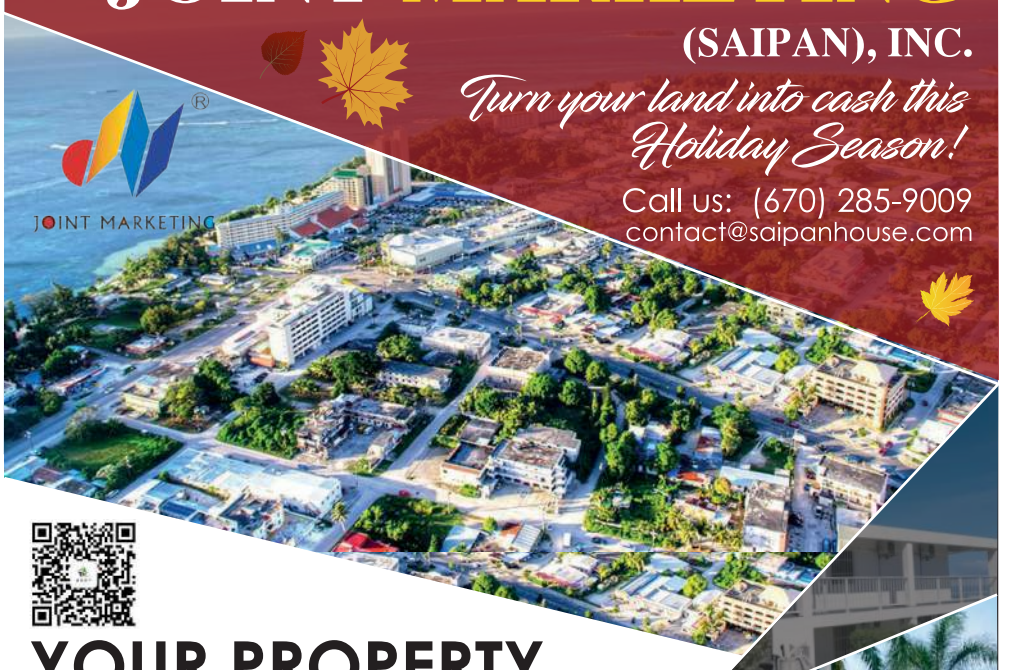

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Hotels aid community, prep for tourists' return

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands is preparing for the restoration of tourism in the Marianas in mid-November, even as member hotels continue to extend assistance to help the community recover from Super Typhoon Yutu.

HANMI chair Gloria Cavanagh thanked Gov. Ralph DLG Torres for meeting with industry and government officials on Oct. 31 to evaluate the Marianas' readiness to welcome back visitors.

Torres has set Nov. 15, 2018, as the target date to have essential systems operational at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport so that commercial flights may resume.

"Although Yutu was the strongest storm to hit Saipan and Tinian, we, as an industry were lucky to experience minimal damage, overall," said Cavanagh. "Our southern hotels are the ones that suffered huge damage. However, our central and northern hotels are ready to receive customers. The island infrastructure in these areas is slowly being brought back online, and recovery is proceeding steadily. It is imperative to keep the economy going and people employed, and we commend Governor Torres, the Commonwealth Ports Authority, the Marianas Visitors Authority, and our other partners for prioritizing the restoration of operations at the airport."

According to HANMI's survey of 16 hotels in Saipan, representing 2,754 rooms, nearly 75 percent of rooms are still in operation. In a separate ongoing survey of local businesses, the MVA also reports that 80 percent of respondents are open, while an additional 7 percent report they will open within a week.

"Overall, the Marianas is well on track to jumpstart our economy and welcome visitors again," said Cavanagh. "Simultaneously, many of our HANMI member hotels are also extending recovery support to the community. This includes providing free drinking water from our reverse osmosis systems to the public, donations of beddings and other supplies such as toiletries for the shelterees, and special assistance to our employees, including access to showers and temporary shelter for some displaced employees. Working together as businesses, government, non-profits, and individuals, we are confident the Marianas will come back stronger than ever."

Cavanagh noted that Coral Ocean Golf Resort, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Aquarius Towers, and Saipan World Resort are temporarily closed to repair damage done from Yutu. Visitors planning to travel to the Marianas should check with their individual airline, hotel, or tour operator for further information on services. ***(PR)***

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW19-IFB-004

LALANGHA AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **Lalangha Avenue Road Improvement**, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **October 19, 2018** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasury and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITUES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **November 7, 2018**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **November 15, 2018** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW19-IFB-004"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time November 29, 2018**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, November 29, 2018,** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to **procurement@cnmidof.net.** For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 29, 2018** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **December 10, 2018**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, December 13, 2018**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:00 a.m. local time, on November 29, 2018**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission**. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

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All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

JAMES A. ADA
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Director of Procurement & Supply

DPS reports no thefts following Yutu

The Department of Public Safety said there have been no reports of looting and burglaries since Super Typhoon Yutu devastated the islands.

In a press briefing yesterday, DPS Commissioner Robert Guerrero said there have been no reports of thefts and burglaries following Yutu that left the island completely without electricity.

When Super Typhoon Soudelor hit the CNMI three years ago, various theft and burglaries were reported due to the lack of electricity. This time around, there have been none.

Guerrero said the department is doing round-the-clock patrolling.

According to Guerrero, aside from police officers being more vigilant in ensuring that there are no looting and burglaries going on, police officers have been instructed not to be lenient with cases such as theft and burglary. This means police officers will not hesitate to interfere and arrest anyone who is found looting or entering damaged homes and damaged businesses during dark hours. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

Chamber to push through with Nov. meeting

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce's next general membership meeting is this upcoming Wednesday, Nov. 7, at the Hyatt Regency Saipan ballroom, starting at 11:30am.

Tickets will be a reduced typhoon-rate of $20 for members and $25 for non-members.

The first half of the meeting will focus on the 2019-2020 board member elections, and the second half of the meeting will focus on updates about typhoon recovery for businesses.

In a notice to Chamber members, Maxine Laszlo, the SCC executive director, announced a new public Facebook page for the Chamber.

"We would like to start publicizing…the ways our Chamber members are responding to Typhoon Yutu relief. This includes donations you're giving, ways you're helping your staff who have suffered, critical goods you are selling for the community so they can have access, and all ways you're trying to support the island. Our goal is to show the positive and critical ways the business community steps up during disaster," she said in an email message to members.

To be included, Chamber members are encouraged to describe how they are supporting typhoon relief along with a picture and send it to Chamber coordinator Noelani McMahon at coordinator2@saipanchamber.com.

In related news, working toward the fast recovery of CNMI tourism, the Marianas Visitors Authority is requesting Chamber members to take a survey—_https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HDJ5QXL—on one's readiness to accommodate visitors.

Based on a survey of 16 members of the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands and non-member hotels, of 2,754 rooms surveyed, there are 1,976 rooms in operation (72 percent). The target date to reopen the airport is Nov. 15.

Unofficial updates

The U.S. Small Business Administration has moved into the Saipan Chamber of Commerce office and the staff are currently going through training to start taking in applications. When they do formally open their office for applications, we will let the membership know.

The Chamber is working with the CNMI Department of Finance about a possible an extension for September business gross revenue tax. "Right now they were having their legal counsel review a final draft of an extension. When there is official information to share out of their office, I'll be sure to forward it over to you all," said Laszlo.

One of the first steps needed to get more relief for the business community is to collect data on the impact of Yutu on one's operations.

"After speaking with Matt Deleon Guerrero at the Office of the Governor, I'm reaching out to FEMA's Data Analytics department to see if they can assist with data collection as well as the Economic Development Authority," said Laszlo. "We're also hoping this data can help DOL ask for more funding to support your displaced workers." ***(SCC)***

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Attack on birthright citizenship is probably a political ploy. But what if it's not?

It's unclear how serious President Trump is about issuing an executive order to abolish so-called "birthright citizenship." Perhaps he will abandon the idea once it has served the purpose of riling up his anti-immigrant base in next week's midterm elections.

But perhaps not—and that would be a terrible mistake. Frankly, it's outrageous that Trump would even broach the possibility. His proposed order would violate an overwhelming legal consensus dating back many decades that the Constitution grants citizenship to persons born in the United States regardless of their parents' immigration status.

Not only would such an order be unconstitutional, but it would be wrong as a matter of principle. Birthright citizenship is an important emblem of equality and inclusion, and an affirmation that being an American doesn't depend on bloodlines. That's a concept that suits a nation of immigrants.

As a candidate, Trump proposed doing away with birthright citizenship, which he wrongly called the "biggest magnet for illegal immigration." He has not followed through, but in an interview with Axios to be aired on HBO this weekend, the president confirmed to a reporter that he plans to issue an order to that effect.

"It was always told to me that you needed a constitutional amendment," Trump said. "Guess what? You don't." He added: "You can definitely do it with an act of Congress. But now they're saying I can do it just with an executive order."

Guess what? "They" are wrong. The 14th Amendment, added to the Constitution after the Civil War, says: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside." In the 1898 decision in United States vs. Wong Kim Ark, the Supreme Court ruled that a child born to Chinese-citizen parents legally residing in this country was a U.S. citizen.

The court wrote: "To hold that the 14th Amendment of the Constitution excludes from citizenship the children born in the United States of citizens or subjects of other countries, would be to deny citizenship to thousands of persons of English, Scotch, Irish, German or other European parentage, who have always been considered and treated as citizens of the United States."

It's widely accepted that the same is also true of children born in the U.S. to undocumented parents. Before he was appointed by Trump to the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, the conservative constitutional scholar James C. Ho wrote that the sweeping language of the 1898 decision "reaches all aliens regardless of immigration status."

So Trump is wrong on the law. And he's wrong on the merits. It's not surprising that a president who has relentlessly demonized immigrants and immigration doesn't understand the issue. But he shouldn't be able to act on that ignorance.

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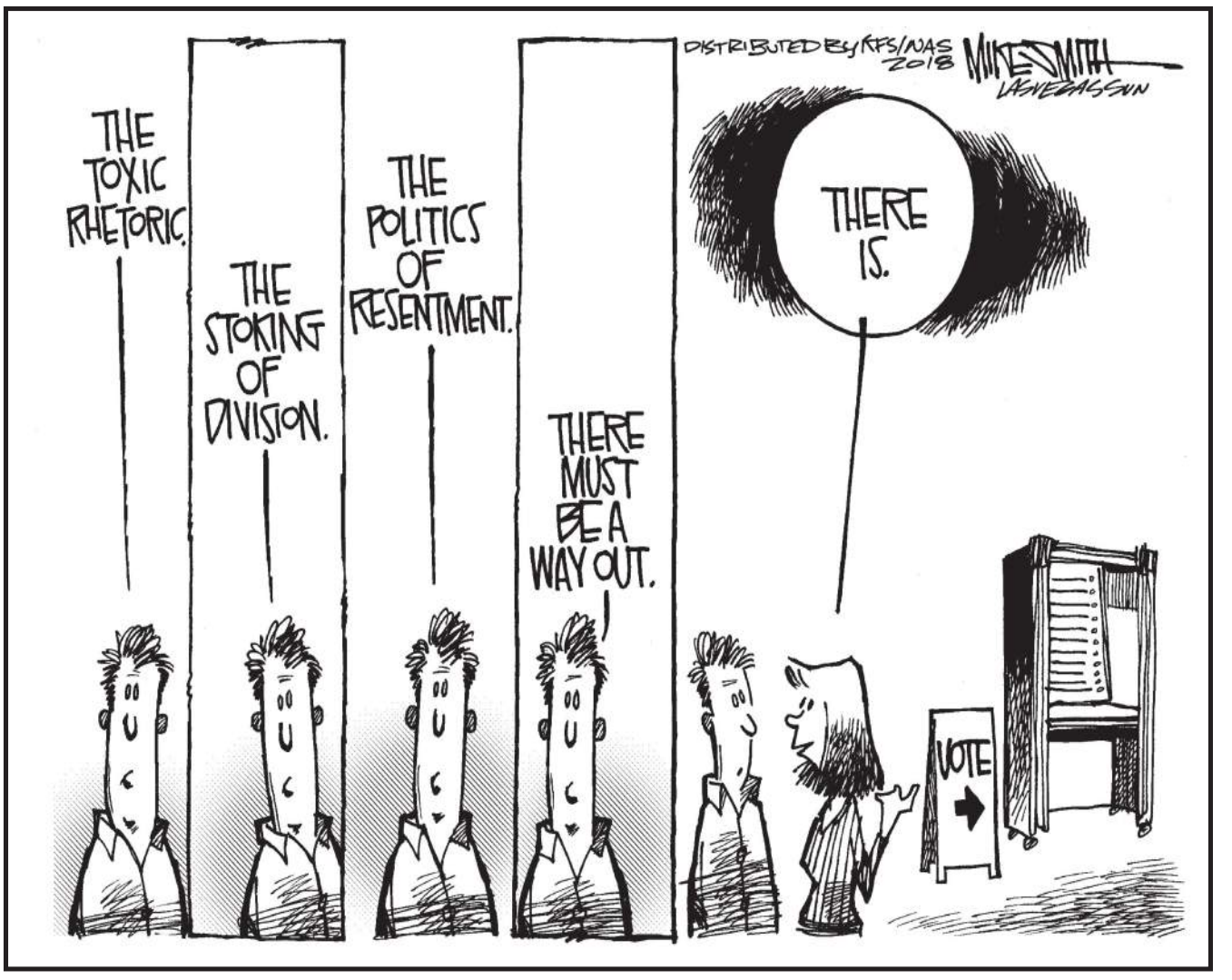

Tombstones

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The following column was in the works for a pre-Halloween run last week. Then Typhoon Yutu stomped onto the scene. I hope that you and your family are faring well during the challenges of the aftermath. Even though Halloween is over, I'm going to run last week's scheduled column anyway, largely because I can't let a good *Revenge of the Nerds* reference go to waste.

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The joke with my pals is that they don't want to be buried on Saipan because they'll be forced to move every 55 years.

Well, don't worry, there are other options.

For example, just in time for the Halloween season, the Oct. 24 *Wall Street Journal* reported that Disneyland (Anaheim, Calif.) and Disney World (Orlando, Fla.) occasionally have guests who smuggle in human ashes. This is so their dearly departed can spend eternity on Disney grounds.

At the other end of the spectrum, I'll note that the writer Hunter S. Thompson's ashes were, in accordance with his wishes, fired from a cannon at his funeral in 2005.

As long as we're sharing stories about kicking ash, I might as well mention I sometimes had to do "ash drops" as a pilot. Ashes aren't the only part of the equation in those gigs. Sometimes a grieving relative rides along in the aircraft.

Pilots who smoothly accomplish these operations should be granted degrees in applied psychology, with points deducted, of course, if they screw up the physical side of things and let the ashes get sucked back into the aircraft. I managed to avoid those demerits but some of my colleagues weren't so lucky.

If you're wondering what happens to ashes that get blown around aircraft cockpits, well, they meet the same fate as ashes deposited on Disney properties: The staff vacuums them up.

As a result, some souls are spending eternity trapped within the folds of HEPA filters. There's got to be some deep philosophical truth in this situation.

I was once wandering through an old cemetery in England, and those guys know a thing or two about cemeteries. They've got cemeteries dating back to the Middle Ages. As I looked at the old tombstones and tried to correlate their dates with various historical events, it was a reminder that we're all trapped in the times into which we are born. Whether we rue those times or celebrate them, we're still trapped in them. So, taking the pragmatically-hedonic approach here, I reckon that we might as well make the best of the ride.

A character named Poindexter in a 1984 movie *Revenge of the Nerds* posed this question to a girl at a party: "Would you rather live in the ascendancy of a civilization or during its decline?"

That's not a bad conversation-opener. After all, even if you can't pick your times you can sometimes pick your civilizations. Many great stories and books are based on such adventures. The *Saipan Tribune* readership doesn't lack for people who have left one civilization in favor of another.

Anyway, now that I've invoked the wisdom of Poindexter I've played my best philosophical card. Having contemplated times and tombstones, Halloween and HEPA, we've got a lot of deep thinking to do.

In the meantime, while we're on this ashes-and-tombstones theme, I'll take a tangent. My Sept. 28 column, "Thus spoke Henry," featured some favorite quotes from Henry David Thoreau. Thoreau was a prolific writer but his span of years wasn't all that long, given that he died at age 44.

Other favorites also passed away before hitting ripe age: George Orwell, age 46; Edgar Allan Poe, age 40; Rod Serling (best known for the *Twilight Zone* TV series), age 50.

And then there's John Kennedy Toole, who, apparently frustrated by his lack of success in the publishing realm, took his own life at age 31. After his death his mother found a manuscript that he had written. The manuscript, having been rejected by publishers during his lifetime, was steered into the right hands this time around. The book, *A Confederacy of Dunces,* went on to win the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. It's a richly creative novel and it deserves its accolades.

Still, without the mother's efforts, the manuscript would have languished in obscurity. As for Mr. Toole himself, had he applied to the amusement-park industry instead of taking the literary route, he certainly would have found a more receptive civilization. After all, I've never heard of ashes being smuggled into libraries.

On that note, I wonder what Poindexter would say. He might not have the answer. But I'll bet he knows the question.

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Political violence tore America apart in the 1850s. Today, this Yale historian says we're 'on the edge'

By WILL BUNCH
The Philadelphia Inquirer

This is how things are going in America right now: One week before arguably the most important and most fraught midterm election in decades, the book that best captures the zeitgeist is a tome about U.S. congressmen and senators staging rolling fistfights and brawls across the disgusting tobacco-spit-stained carpet of the Capitol, pulling knives or the occasional pistol on each other, or clobbering a colleague with a cane to within an inch of his life.

At this point I should mention that these events—as much as they may sound like potential breaking news alerts on CNN—actually occurred in the 1830s, 1840s and 1850s. The wanton violence on Capitol Hill did eventually stop—but only after a four-year civil war that claimed the lives of more than 600,000 everyday Americans.

Still, as Yale historian Joanne Freeman tours to promote "Field of Blood: Violence in Congress and the Road to Civil War," she readily admits no one could have predicted a book based on her academic research into the mid-19th century would so often be described as "timely"—that Americans in 2018 would be asking some of the same questions our forerunners asked circa 1858: Are we coming apart at the seams? Is the American Experiment on the brink of failure?

Freeman said today's political crises haven't quite devolved to an 1861-level total breakdown but "we're on the edge of it." The roots of the problem—a lack of trust in our institutions and in each other, and poor communication between two deeply divided sides—are essentially the same now as they were then.

"Where people lose faith in the system to address their needs, where people lose faith in other Americans and begin to "Other" them – you know, 'You're not American and I am'" is how Freeman described the scenario to me after the panel. "Once that kind of breaks down, the national discourse breaks, too,. If you see the other side as the enemy and you see the stakes as this high, it kind of makes sense that those tend to be violent moments."

In researching Congress in the eventful three decades that led directly to the Civil War, Freeman surprised even herself by uncovering 70 separate acts of physical violence between lawmakers during those tense debates inside the Capitol. The incidents range from the famous—the brutal 1856 caning of Massachusetts abolitionist Sen. Charles Sumner by a pro-slavery South Carolina congressman—to the obscure, such as a literal floor fight in the House in 1841, when fisticuffs between two lawmakers turned into a wild melee involving nearly every member.

The recovery of this nearly forgotten, violent past could certainly inspire some clucking—that things can't be that bad today if they were that much out of control back in 1856. But it shouldn't. Times have certainly changed, but while a 21st Century Congress member doesn't (usually) reach for his or her switchblade anymore, the average citizen now has enough access to low-grade conspiracy theories and high-grade weaponry to take matters into his own hands.

We've just finished one of the worst weeks on modern American history—the hunting down of two random black grocery shoppers by an angry white man outside of Louisville, the Florida pro-President-Trump-fanatic who mailed potentially-deadly-but-thankfully-ineffective pipe bombs to Democratic senators, donors and Trump's media bete noire of CNN, and finally the Pittsburgh anti-Semite who entered a synagogue Saturday and murdered 11, in the worst hate crime targeting Jews in America's long history.

It was so much to process that this seemed the perfect moment to take a step back—the opportunity afforded by Monday's panel on "Histories of Democracy" that was sponsored by Villanova University's Lepage Center for History in the Public Interest—and think about how we got into this mess in the first place.

What was striking about the panel discussion was the loud echo of William Faulkner's famed dictum that "the past is never dead...it's not even past." And so Swarthmore College historian Allison Dorsey, whose work has focused on African-Americans in Georgia and South Carolina coping with 19th-Century Jim Crow laws including voting curbs like the poll tax and the literacy test, said she's closely watching the current Georgia governor's race; there, Stacey Abrams, seeking to become the state's first black woman governor, is struggling to overcome modern voter suppression. "Once again," Dorsey said, "African Americans are on the brink of where we were before."

And Villanova's Paul Rosier, a specialist in Native American history, noted that GOP lawmakers in North Dakota passed a law making it harder for tribal members to vote.

The bottom line was this: The fundamental questions that have come up again and again in American history, regarding who is an American citizen and who has the right to vote—were never fully resolved, no matter when your high school history textbook (assuming you even had one) rolled off the printing press. We're still fighting these battles—outside polling places in Georgia and on our newly (and ridiculously) militarized southern border.

For the Baby Boomers of my generation—raised in the shadow of victory in World War II and amid middle-class prosperity, who witnessed the end of segregation in the 1960s—it was too easy to lazily assume that social progress was scientific and organic, not something that ebbed and flowed—or that you had to go out there and take real risks, and fight for it.

It happened, Freeman and the other panelists (including my Inquirer colleague Jonathan Lai, who covers voting rights today) agreed, in the 1790s, when the Founders struggled with the meanings of partisanship and true democracy, and in the 1850s over slavery, and in the 1960s over civil rights and Vietnam. And now we're in the middle of it again. Today's causes can't be defined in one word, but you can see the clear fault lines around race, gender and immigration, and how we're divided yet again over who is a citizen, who gets to vote, and whose votes really count.

Just because America didn't implode in 1800 or 1863 or 1968 is no guarantee that it can't happen today. Freeman—an expert on Alexander Hamilton who advised the Broadway musical—said Hamilton warned that the one thing that could destroy the Founders' vision of democratic republic was the rise of a demagogue who could sway the public with emotion and crush the system of checks and balances. And you don't need a weatherman to know which way that wind is blowing.

Tuesday's midterm election could be the ultimate test—not so much over who wins, as the panelists noted, but whether the losing side is able to accept the results. The warning signs—lack of faith in the integrity of voting machines and voting officials, or in the news media, to name just a few—are not good.

Freeman told me after the panel that the most troubling similarity between the antebellum years and 2018 is that it's a moment "when people who've been abiding by the rules start to believe that they shouldn't abide by the rules anymore—that the stakes are too high." The result of the kind of breakdown that we saw in Congress with the flawed, ramrod confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh, where it was a miracle that no one got caned.

But unlike the 1850s, the final chapters of 2010's rough and occasionally violent political history haven't been written yet. "In reality, it's on the ground," Freeman said. "It's on us." Democracy will have to be saved by the couch potatoes who were never taught while growing up that saving democracy was going to be such hard work. And yet we, the people, are the ones who will have to write this history—hopefully with a voting pen, and not on a field of blood.

The Tree of Life synagogue at the intersection of Shady and Wilkins Avenue, in Pittsburgh's Squirrel Hill neighborhood. JOHN ALTDORFER/ZUMA PRESS/TNS

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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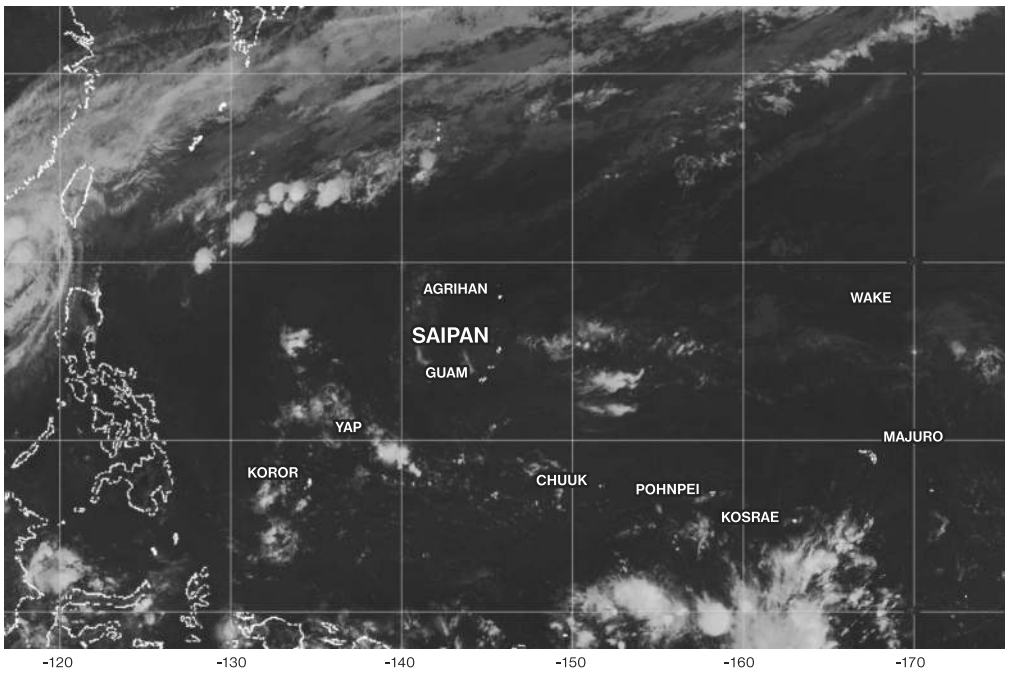

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Only updated winds with nothing else changed in forecast. Models are in agreement with a dry season weather pattern over the Marianas persisting through the beginning of next week. While there will be patches of clouds showers the prevailing weather will be partly cloudy skies with isolated showers. East to northeast trade-winds are expected with wind speeds of 10 to 15 mph.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°
Palau	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°
Yap	Thunderstorms	87° / 80°
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	87° / 79°
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	87° / 76°
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	87° / 76°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	86° / 81°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Showers	64° / 57°
Beijing	Sunny	66° / 45°
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	79° / 72°
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	85° / 75°
London	Mostly Sunny	52° / 45°
Los Angeles	Sunny	85° / 59°
Manila	Mostly Sunny	91° / 79°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	66° / 46°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	84° / 74°
New York	Thunderstorms	70° / 60°
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	70° / 55°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	55° / 37°
Busan	Mostly Sunny	66° / 52°
Rome	Rain	66° / 57°
Salem	Thunderstorms	63° / 43°
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	64° / 53°
Seoul	Sunny	64° / 37°
Tokyo	Sunny	64° / 50°
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	72° / 55°

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01:20 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.52
08:40 AM	LOW TIDE	0.00
3:58 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.92
10:05 PM	LOW TIDE	0.94

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:13 AM	5:47 PM
Saturday	6:13 AM	5:47 PM
Sunday	6:13 AM	5:46 PM
Monday	6:14 AM	5:46 PM
Tuesday	6:14 AM	5:46 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	12:53 AM	1:54 PM	-
Saturday	1:52 AM	2:41 PM	-
Sunday	2:49 AM	3:27 PM	-
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Tuesday	4:40 AM	4:54 PM	-

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:15am	9:55am	Daily
UA105	6:25pm	7:05pm	2, 4

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)
– temporarily suspended

7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)
– ALL FLIGHTS temporarily suspended

TW9308	1:10am	4:10am	3, 4
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW9308	3:20am	6:30am	2
TW9308	3:25am	6:30am	5
7C3403	4:35am	8:25am	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)
– temporarily suspended

3U8648	6:10am	8:30am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)
– temporarily suspended

JD396	7:30am	11:00am	1
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)
– temporarily suspended

3U8646	4:20am	7:35am	2, 6

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)
– temporarily suspended

MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:15am	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA117/183	9:15am	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	9:15am	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA105/183	6:25pm	9:50pm	2, 4 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

UA117/159	9:15am	11:00pm	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM
UA105/159	6:25pm	11:00pm	2, 4 via GUM

Temporarily suspended:

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
UO43	5:40am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	7:30am	8:11am	Daily
UA104	4:50pm	5:31pm	2, 4

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN
– temporarily suspended

7C3452	9:35pm	2:00am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3452	10:05pm	2:00am+1	1

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN
– ALL FLIGHTS temporarily suspended

7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
TW9307	6:30pm	12:10am+1	2, 3
TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
TW9307	9:00pm	2:20am+1	1
TW9307	9:05pm	2:25am+1	4
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN
– temporarily suspended

3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN
– temporarily suspended

JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:35pm	5:00am+1	7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN
– temporarily suspended

3U8645	8:20pm	2:50am+1	1, 5

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN
– temporarily suspended

MU763	4:55pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA182/174	12:40am	8:11am+1	3, 6 via GUM
PR110/UA174	10:05pm	8:11am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/174	10:30pm	8:11am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA184/174	10:55pm	8:11am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

UA116/174	11:45pm	8:11am+1	2, 4, 6 via GUM
UA116/174	11:55pm	8:11am+1	1, 3, 5 via GUM

Temporarily suspended:

HX07	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
UO42	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

Business

UK chief Brexit negotiator says he expects deal by Nov 21

LONDON (AP)—Britain's Brexit secretary has told lawmakers that he expects a long-elusive divorce deal with the European Union to be finalized before Nov. 21, though there is still little sign of a breakthrough on the vexed issue of the Irish border.

Dominic Raab told Parliament's Exiting the EU Committee in a letter that he would give evidence to the panel "when a deal is finalized, and currently expect 21 November to be suitable."

The committee released the Oct. 24 letter Wednesday. Raab's Department for Exiting the European Union said later "there is no set date for the negotiations to conclude" and that the secretary mentioned Nov. 21 in response to a suggestion that he appear before the committee on that date.

Britain is due to leave the EU on March 29, but London and Brussels have not reached an agreement on their divorce terms and a smooth transition to a new relationship. The stalemate has heightened fears that the U.K. might leave without a deal in place, leading to chaos at ports and economic turmoil.

AP

European Union chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier, left, and London Mayor Sadiq Khan, right, are reflected in a table as they meet at EU headquarters in Brussels Friday, Oct. 26, 2018.

Prime Minister Theresa May has said a Brexit deal is 95 percent done, but the two sides remain at odds over the issue of the border between the U.K.'s Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland.

Britain and the EU agree there must be no customs posts or other barriers that could disrupt businesses and residents on either side of the border and undermine Northern Ireland's hard-won peace process. But the two parties have rejected each other's proposed solution.

Raab said in his letter that "despite our differences, we are not far from an agreement on this issue."

He said the U.K. and the EU agree "on the principle of a U.K.-wide customs backstop" — a plan to keep the U.K. in a customs union with the bloc, rendering border checks on goods unnecessary.

Britain has said such a solution must be temporary, while the EU wants a permanent fix. But Raab said agreement should be possible, and "the end is now firmly in sight."

An Oct 17-18 EU summit that had been billed as the deadline for a breakthrough ended with the talks still deadlocked. But behind-the-scenes talks have continued.

Irish Foreign Minister Simon Coveney said Wednesday in Paris that a deal in the next month was feasible, but "if they want to conclude the text of a withdrawal treaty in November, then the negotiations need to intensify."

Any agreement reached by the two sides must be approved by the British and European parliaments.

May's proposed deal faces strong domestic opposition both from pro-Brexit lawmakers, who say it keeps Britain bound too closely to the bloc, and from pro-EU legislators, who argue it will create barriers between the U.K. and its biggest trading partner.

Supply shortages plague Canada's new cannabis marketplace

TORONTO (AP)—The name of the store is High North, but it might as well be named High and Dry because for all but about four hours of the first two weeks since marijuana was legalized in Canada, there was no pot to sell.

Trevor Tobin, one of the owners of the Labrador City shop in Newfoundland and Labrador, said they went 10 straight days without supply.

"The producers keep saying there will be some bumps in the road, but right now it's not a bump in the road. It's a big pothole," he said.

His mother, Brenda Tobin, is a part-owner and said that after she tells customers there's nothing to buy, "a lot of them are saying, 'Oh, well. I guess it's back to the black market.'"

Legalization arrived Oct. 17, and Canada became the world's largest national marketplace for so-called recreational marijuana. But for now, it's a superlative in name only.

The first weeks have felt more like a soft opening with few retail outlets operating and rampant supply shortages. It's not because Canada can't produce enough cannabis products—licensing those producers has been slow, and the federal government is taking steps to speed up the process.

The provinces are handling the sales and most of the regulations. Reports from around the country are similarly discouraging when it comes to supply.

Quebec closed its government-run shops for three days this week because of a lack of pot and will continue to keep them shut Mondays through Wednesdays until availability is stabilized. Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries said it expects product shortages in both brick-and-mortar and online stores could last six months.

Ontario, Canada's most populous province, won't have any stores open until April at the earliest as the new conservative government writes regulations. Meantime, police have shut down at least 11 illegal dispensaries in the province.

Ontario residents who want to make legal purchases are flooding the online government store. At least 150,000 orders arrived in the first week, more than all other provinces combined, and the store can't keep up.

Contributing to the delivery problem is a strike by workers at Canada Post, the nation's postal service that handles online marijuana orders that are legal countrywide.

British Columbia, the third-largest province by population and a place that historically supplied much of the country's illegal weed, still has just one retail store.

Across Canada, people are returning to the black market. And some never left.

Corey Stone, a 32-year-old bar-restaurant manager in Montreal, and his friend were first in line at Quebec's government-run cannabis store on Oct. 17, but he hasn't been back because of the supply problems and has been getting his pot illegally.

GM offers buyouts to 18K salaried workers in North America

DETROIT (AP)—General Motors will attempt to cut costs by offering buyouts to about 18,000 white-collar workers in North America.

The company made the offer Wednesday to salaried workers with 12 or more years of service.

The announcement comes on the same day that GM reported a $2.5 billion third-quarter profit. The company says in a prepared statement that although it is performing well, it wants to continue to reduce costs while the company and the economy are strong.

The auto industry faces looming troubles such as slowing sales in the U.S. and China and higher steel and aluminum prices due to U.S. tariffs.

GM wouldn't disclose terms of the buyout offers. The company has about 50,000 salaried workers in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

Company spokesman Patrick Morrissey wouldn't say whether GM is trying to reach a target number of employees. Those who were given the offer have until Nov. 19 to make a decision, and they would leave the company by the end of the year, he said.

"Even with the progress we've made, we are taking proactive steps to get ahead of the curve by accelerating our efforts to address overall business performance. We are doing this while our company and economy are strong. The voluntary severance program for eligible salaried employees is one example of our efforts to improve cost efficiency," the company said.

GM has long talked about reducing costs in preparation for an economic downturn. The company strives to continue churning out profits through vehicle sales while, at the same time, investing in new technologies such as electric or autonomous cars. The company is close to delivering on a promise to reduce structural costs by $6.5 billion annually by the end of this year.

Savings from the employee reductions would come in 2019, after the buyouts take effect.

Morrissey wouldn't say if GM will begin to lay employees off if too few workers take voluntary buyouts.

"We will evaluate the need to implement after we see the results of the voluntary program and other cost reduction efforts," he said.

Retired Chief Financial Officer Chuck Stevens hinted at white-collar cutbacks in April of 2017 when he told analysts that GM is looking for cuts as it simplifies its business after its exit from Europe. Simplification "will allow us to take significant structure out of the business, whether it's corporate staff, whether it's engineering staff," he said on an earnings conference call.

Last year, GM sold its European Opel and Vauxhall units to France's PSA Group.

Most of GM's salaried workers are in the U.S., mainly in Michigan, at its Detroit headquarters, a huge technical center in suburban Warren, a testing center in nearby Milford, and an engine and transmission development center in Pontiac.

STOCK PORTFOLIO

LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
25,115.76	2,711.74	7,305.90
+241.12	+29.11	+144.25
+0.97%	+1.09%	+2.01%

EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms

Australian Dollar	1.40	Hong Kong Dollar	7.84	Russian Ruble	65.60
British Pound	0.7786	Indian Rupee	73.82	Singapore Dollar	1.38
Canadian Dollar	1.31	Indonesian Rupiah	15,172.30	South Korean Won	1,136.61
Chinese Yuan	6.96	Malaysian Ringgit	4.18	Swiss Franc	1.01
Euro	0.8814	New Zealand Dollar	1.52	Taiwan Dollar	30.89
		Philippine Peso	53.32	Thailand Baht	33.05

Nation

Synagogue rampage suspect indicted on 2nd day of funerals

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The suspect in the Pittsburgh synagogue massacre was indicted by a federal grand jury Wednesday, and members of a grief-stricken Jewish community endured another round of funerals for victims of the worst anti-Semitic attack in American history.

Robert Bowers, a 46-year-old truck driver who authorities say raged against Jews as he gunned down 11 and wounded six, was charged in a 44-count indictment with murder, hate crimes and other offenses that could bring the death penalty. The indictment, which was expected, was announced on the second day of a weeklong series of funerals for congregants who perished in the mass shooting at Tree of Life synagogue.

"Today begins the process of seeking justice for the victims of these hateful acts, and healing for the victims' families, the Jewish community, and our city," U.S. Attorney Scott Brady said in a statement. "Our office will spare no resource, and will work with professionalism, integrity and diligence, in a way that honors the memories of the victims."

One after another, services were held for three more victims of the rampage: Joyce Fienberg, 75; Melvin Wax, 87, and Irving Younger, 69.

Funerals for synagogue victims draw hundreds

"It can't be fixed," Robert Libman said at his sister's funeral, clutching his chest as he described the pain of losing her. "My sister is dead. My sister was murdered. There was no one I know like her. Pure goodness. ... She was the most tolerant and gentle person that I've ever known."

Fienberg's sons, Anthony, of Paris, and Howard, of Vienna, Virginia, said she spent five years caring for their father as he battled cancer, then, after his death a few years ago, devoted more of her time and energy to Tree of Life. She was a retired researcher at the University of Pittsburgh.

"My mom would be very angry that her funeral wasn't able to be at Tree of Life, and that her friends lost Saturday couldn't be here," Howard Fienberg said.

Younger had a small realty office in Squirrel Hill, the heart of Pittsburgh's Jewish community, and coached baseball for more than 20 years. He loved to talk, and would gladly share his life story or stop strangers on the street to show them pictures of his grandson in California. One friend called him "a kibbitzing, people-loving man."

Widowed a decade ago, Younger had a son and daughter in California, who waited all day Saturday to learn if he had survived. "That waiting stage was just unbearable," said his son, Jared, of Los Angeles. "Saturday was the most lonely day of my life."

Jared Younger said that when his sister contacted him, he had a feeling it was about his father. Irving Younger hadn't been in great health, undergoing bypass surgery last year. Jared Younger said his dad drank Diet Coke for 40 years, quipping he was "anti-water."

The day's other funeral was held for Wax, a retired accountant who was regarded as a core member of the congregation at New Light, which rented space in the lower level of Tree of Life.

AP

A casket is carried out of Rodef Shalom Congregation after the funeral services for brothers Cecil and David Rosenthal, Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2018, in Pittsburgh.

Under Trump, federal death penalty cases are ticking up

NEW YORK (AP)—Before a suspect was even publicly named, President Donald Trump declared that whoever gunned down 11 people in a Pittsburgh synagogue should "suffer the ultimate price" and that the death penalty should be brought back "into vogue."

Trump has largely gotten his wish, at least on the federal level, with death penalty cases ticking back up under his Justice Department after a near-moratorium on such prosecutions in President Barack Obama's last term, when he directed a broad review of capital punishment and issues surrounding lethal injection.

Trump's attorney general, Jeff Sessions, has so far approved at least a dozen death penalty prosecutions over the past two years, according to court filings tracked by the Federal Death Penalty Resource Counsel, with cases ranging from the high profile to the relatively obscure.

They include the man charged with using a rented truck to fatally mow down eight people on a New York City bike path a year ago; three men charged in a fatal armored truck robbery in New Orleans; a gang suspect in Detroit charged with "murder in aid of racketeering"; and a man charged with fatally shooting a tribal police officer in New Mexico on the nation's largest American Indian reservation.

The tally could grow higher over the next two months as federal prosecutors await Sessions' decision in several other cases, including against the alleged synagogue shooter, Robert Bowers, who faces federal hate crime charges and 11 counts of murder.

By comparison, in Obama's final year in office the Justice Department authorized just one capital prosecution, that of Dylann Roof, the white supremacist who fatally shot nine black people in 2015 during a church service in Charleston, South Carolina.

But while the Justice Department under Trump has increased death penalty prosecutions, the numbers are not entirely out of line with those earlier in the Obama administration under Attorney General Eric Holder, who approved 11 capital prosecutions in 2009 and at least 13 in 2012.

And both the Trump and Obama administrations pale in comparison to that of President George W. Bush and his attorney general John Ashcroft, who in 2003 alone signed off on capital prosecutions against more than three dozen defendants, at times overruling his own prosecutors when they recommended against seeking capital punishment.

What makes Trump different, death penalty experts say, is that he publicly advocates for the ultimate punishment in specific cases.

"I think they should very much bring the death penalty into vogue," Trump told reporters Saturday shortly after news came of the synagogue shooting. "Anybody that does a thing like this to innocent people that are in temple or in church. We had so many incidents with churches. They should really suffer the ultimate price."

And he took to Twitter just a day after last year's Manhattan bike path attack to call suspect Sayfullo Saipov a "Degenerate Animal" and argue he "SHOULD GET DEATH PENALTY!"

Trump also said this year that capital punishment should be used to prosecute drug traffickers. Sessions followed a day later with a memo urging prosecutors to seek the death penalty "for certain drug-related crimes," including killings occurring during drug trafficking.

"If we're to be a nation of laws, then the legal process has to be allowed to play itself out without being subject to political manipulation," said Robert Dunham, executive director of the Washington-based Death Penalty Information Center. "Charging decisions should be made based on the evidence, not based on politics and not based on political pressure."

Son says he killed parents, bodies found in Illinois river

PEORIA, Ill. (AP)—The bodies of a college professor and her husband have been recovered from a river in central Illinois and their 21-year-old son, who said he was "sick of his parents" according to authorities and stabbed them to death, has been charged with first-degree murder.

The bodies of Susan Brill de Ramirez and Antonio Ramirez Barron, both 63, were found Tuesday in the Spoon River near Annawan, resting against the riverbank, Peoria County Coroner Jamie Harwood said.

Jose Ramirez was arrested and charged on Monday after confessing to killing his parents, Peoria County Sheriff Brian Asbell said. Ramirez has been appointed a public defender and is being held on a $3 million bond.

Judge Sean Donahue scheduled his arraignment for Nov. 29.

Peoria County Assistant State's Attorney Dave Kenny said during a bond hearing Tuesday that Ramirez told friends he was "sick of his parents" and that he had killed them on Friday.

Ramirez waited until his parents were sleeping then went into their bedroom at their home near Peoria, Kenny said. He used pepper spray as a distraction and stabbed his father in the stomach and neck, then stabbed his mother when she woke up, Kenny said.

Ramirez then wrapped the bodies in a tarp and a tent, put them in his father's SUV and drove about 50 miles (80 kilometers) to the Henry County community of Annawan, where he dumped them off a bridge into a waterway, authorities said.

Peoria County sheriff's deputies found blood and signs of a struggle in the family home Sunday after a call from a concerned relative, Asbell said.

The couple last reported to work Thursday at Bradley University in Peoria, where Brill de Ramirez was an English professor and Ramirez Barron worked in the school's information technology department.

Another suspect, Matthew Roberts, who authorities say is a friend of Ramirez, is now also charged with first-degree murder. Roberts had faced obstruction of justice and concealment of a homicidal death charges, but authorities said those were dropped in favor of murder charges after they determined he played a more active role in the killings.

A judge ordered Roberts, of Princeville, held on a $3 million bond Wednesday. Roberts requested a public defender, which the judge granted because of his lack of income.

Court records don't list an attorney to speak on Roberts' behalf.

Peoria is about 130 miles (210 kilometers) southwest of Chicago.

Asia

Pakistan court acquits Christian on death row for blasphemy

ISLAMABAD (AP)—A Christian woman who spent eight years on death row under Pakistan's blasphemy law was acquitted and ordered released Wednesday by the country's top court, a ruling that raised fears of violence by religious extremists who held angry protests over the verdict.

Asia Bibi was in an undisclosed location for her safety, and her lawyer said he expected that she would soon leave the country. France and Spain have offered asylum to the 54-year-old mother of five, who is a Roman Catholic.

Chief Justice Mian Saqib Nisar, who had received death threats, announced the landmark verdict that fully overturned her 2010 conviction to a packed courtroom amid increased security.

Thousands of supporters of the Tehreek-e-Labbaik party, led by firebrand cleric Khadim Hussain Rizvi, took to the streets in protests, demanding Bibi's public execution. Rizvi has turned out tens of thousands of supporters before, often forcing authorities to bow to his demands on religious matters.

Hundreds of Islamists blocked a road linking the city of Rawalpindi with the capital, Islamabad, and protests were held in Karachi, Peshawar and other cities. In the eastern city of Multan, police arrested several demonstrators after clashes.

Security forces moved quickly, deploying outside churches to protect minority Christians and urging demonstrators elsewhere to disperse peacefully. Commandos were sent to protect Nisar and the other two judges of the Supreme Court after a cleric in the eastern city of Lahore urged religious extremists to kill them.

The outburst over the divisive blasphemy law prompted Prime Minister Imran Khan to go on national TV to guarantee their safety and criticize those who made verbal attacks on Pakistan's institutions, including his government.

"They are not serving Islam, but trying to increase their vote bank," Khan said of the clerics. "They are doing their politics."

The verdict was seen as a hopeful sign by Christians in Pakistan, where the mere rumor of blasphemy can spark lynchings. Religious minorities, who have been repeatedly targeted by extremists, fear the law because it is often used to settle scores and to pressure minorities.

Religious extremists have made defending the law a central rallying cry and have attacked those who question it.

Salman Taseer, the governor of Punjab province, was shot and killed by one of his guards in 2011 for defending Bibi and criticizing the misuse of the law. The assassin, Mumtaz Qadri, was hanged for the crime, but later was hailed by religious hard-liners as a martyr, with millions visiting a shrine set up for him near Islamabad. Shahbaz Bhatti, Pakistan's minister for minorities, was killed later that year after demanding justice for Bibi.

Bibi, who has been held in solitary confinement on death row since 2010, was accused of blasphemy after she quarreled with two fellow female farm workers, who refused to drink from a container used by a Christian. A few days later, a mob accused her of insulting Islam's Prophet Muhammad, leading to her initial conviction.

Bibi's family and her lawyer, Saiful Malook, say she never insulted the prophet. In previous hearings, Malook pointed to contradictions in testimony from witnesses. The two Muslim women who pressed charges against Bibi denied they quarreled with her, saying her outbursts against Islam were unprovoked despite several other witnesses who recalled the dispute.

Chaudhry Ghulam Mustafa, a lawyer for one of the plaintiffs, rejected the verdict, saying Bibi had confessed to making derogatory remarks against the prophet to seek a pardon.

The three judges upheld the blasphemy law itself, saying it was consistent with verses from Islam's holy book, the Quran.

AP

Pakistan Christians pray for Asia Bibi, a Catholic mother of five who has been on death row since 2010 accused of blasphemy in Multan, Pakistan.

S. Korea's Moon: N. Korean leader Kim to visit Seoul 'soon'

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korean President Moon Jae-in said Thursday that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un will "soon" visit Seoul as part of a flurry of high-profile diplomacy aimed at ridding North Korea of its nuclear weapons.

During a speech before parliament, Moon said that a second North Korea-U.S. summit is "near at hand" and that Chinese President Xi Jinping is expected to visit North Korea soon. Moon also said he expected Kim to visit Russia soon and that Kim may meet with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Moon has previously said that Kim told him he would visit Seoul within this year when the leaders met in Pyongyang in September. South Korea's presidential office said later Thursday that it had nothing to add to Moon's speech about Kim's trip. His comments were in line with previous statements, the Blue House said. They suggest that Moon is determined to push ahead with diplomacy to resolve the nuclear issue.

"Now, based on firm trust among one another, South and North Korea and the United States will achieve complete denuclearization and lasting peace of the Korean Peninsula," Moon said. "This is an opportunity that has come like a miracle. It's something that we should never miss."

The prospects for a second summit between Kim and President Donald Trump improved after U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo made his fourth visit to North Korea earlier this month. But no breakthrough has followed. U.S. officials have recently said a second Trump-Kim summit will likely happen early next year. Some experts have raised doubts over whether Kim's Seoul trip would be realized by December.

Moon, a liberal who took office last year, favors a negotiated resolution to the decades-long international standoff over North Korea's nuclear ambitions. He has facilitated a series of high-level U.S.-North Korea exchanges, including their first-ever summit in Singapore in June.

But Moon has faced growing outside skepticism over whether his engagement policy will eventually end the nuclear standoff amid ups and downs in his diplomatic push. Many conservatives in South Korea and the United States say North Korea has no intention of fully giving up its nuclear program and only intends to buy time to perfect its weapons program.

Since entering nuclear talks earlier this year, North Korea has halted nuclear and missile tests and dismantled its nuclear testing site. The United States suspended some of its annual military drills with South Korea, but is reluctant to provide the North with big political or economic benefits unless it takes more serious disarmament steps.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Divers recover jet's flight recorder on Indonesia sea floor

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Divers on Thursday recovered a flight recorder from the crashed Lion Air jet on the sea floor, a crucial development in the investigation into what caused the 2-month-old plane to plunge into the sea earlier this week, killing all 189 people on board. One TV station showed footage of two divers after they surfaced, swimming to an inflatable vessel and placing the bright orange device into a large container that was transferred to a search and rescue ship. Navy divers interviewed on Indonesian television described recovering the flight recorder. "I was desperate because the current below was strong but I am confident of the tools given to me," said Navy 1st Sgt. Hendra, who uses a single name. After narrowing the possible location, "I started digging and cleaning the debris until I finally found an orange object," he said. The Boeing 737 MAX 8 plane crashed early Monday just minutes after takeoff from Jakarta. It was the worst airline disaster in Indonesia since 1997 and renewed concerns about safety in its fast-growing aviation industry, which was recently removed from European Union and U.S. blacklists.

Japan resumes work at disputed site for US base relocation

TOKYO (AP)—Japan's central government resumed work at a disputed U.S. military base relocation site on Okinawa on Thursday even though residents see the project as an undemocratic imposition on the small southern island. An early stage of landfill work at Henoko on Okinawa's east coast began Thursday morning, following the central government's decision this week to reverse Okinawa's earlier ban on landfill work at the site, said Satoshi Shirakata, a spokesman at the Okinawa Defense Bureau overseeing the project. Construction workers were setting up floats using a crane to mark the designated landfill area, making it off-limits to the public, as protesters gathered in paddle boats nearby and dozens of other demonstrators gathered outside a nearby U.S. base to protest. "It's outrageous," Okinawa's Deputy Gov. Kiichiro Janaha told reporters in the prefectural capital of Naha, according to NHK television. "The central government is not considering Okinawa's feelings at all." He said Okinawa will demand talks with the central government.

4 dead, 19 missing in landslide-hit buildings in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Rescuers pulled out four bodies and four survivors but at least 19 others remained missing Wednesday after a massive typhoon-triggered landslide crashed down on two government buildings in the northern Philippines, officials said. Regional police Chief Superintendent Rolando Nana said rescue efforts by more than 100 police, firefighters and volunteers were halted at nightfall in remote Natonin in Mountain province and would resume at daybreak. Rain and mud have hampered the frantic search. Smaller landslides on roads leading to Natonin have slowed the advance of more rescuers and earth-moving equipment, Nana said. Disaster response officials said at least 19 people remained trapped in the landslide, which occurred as Typhoon Yutu pummeled the region Tuesday. A rescuer en route to Natonin died in still- unclear circumstances. About 14 villagers were injured in the landslide. At least 11 people have died in the northern Philippines because of the typhoon, mostly due to landslides.

World

56,800 dead and missing: The hidden toll of migration

AP
This Monday Oct. 1, 2018 photo shows the skull of an unidentified adult male found in 2017, brought to a Johannesburg mortuary for identification purposes.

JOHANNESBURG (AP)— As migration rises worldwide, so has its toll: The tens of thousands of people who die or simply disappear during their journeys. Barely counted in life, these migrants rarely register in death — almost as if they never lived at all.

A growing number of migrants have drowned, died in deserts or fallen prey to traffickers, leaving their families to wonder what on earth happened to them. At the same time, anonymous bodies are filling cemeteries in South Africa's Gauteng province, or in the coastal Tunisian town of Zarzis. Similar cemeteries dot Italy, Greece and Libya.

An Associated Press tally has documented more than 56,800 migrants dead or missing worldwide since 2014 — almost double the number found in the world's only official attempt to try to count them, by the U.N.'s International Organization for Migration . The IOM toll as of Oct. 1 was more than 28,500. The AP came up with almost 28,300 additional dead or missing migrants by compiling information from other international groups, forensic records, missing persons reports, death records, and examining data from thousands of interviews with migrants.

The AP's tally is also certainly an undercount. Bodies lie undiscovered in desert sands or at the bottom of the sea. And families don't always report loved ones as missing because they are illegal, or because they left home without saying exactly where they were headed.

Instead, families are caught between hope and mourning, like that of Safi al-Bahri. Her son, Majdi Barhoumi, left their hometown of Ras Jebel, Tunisia, on May 7, 2011 for Europe in a small boat with a dozen other migrants. The boat sank and Barhoumi hasn't been heard from since. In a sign of faith that he is alive, his mother and father built an animal pen with a brood of hens, a few cows and a dog to stand watch until he returns.

"I just wait for him. I always imagine him behind me, at home, in the market, everywhere," said al-Bahri. "When I hear a voice at night, I think he's come back. When I hear the sound of a motorcycle, I think my son is back."

The official U.N. toll extensively documents deaths in the Mediterranean and Europe, but even there cases fall through the cracks. The political tide is turning against migrants in Europe just as in the United States, where the government is cracking down heavily on caravans of Central Americans trying to get in. One result is that money is drying up for projects to track migration and its costs.

For example, when more than 800 people died in an April 2015 shipwreck off the coast of Italy, Europe's deadliest migrant sea disaster, Italian investigators pledged to identify them and find their families. More than three years later, under a new populist government, funding for this work has been cut off.

Beyond Europe, information is even more scarce. Even in the U.S., where migration has turned into a hot-button issue, there is no routine effort to figure out where migrants may disappear or die, nor a policy on identifying bodies and notifying families. And little is known about the toll in South America, where the Venezuelan migration is among the world's biggest today, and in Asia, the top region for numbers of migrants.

The result is that governments vastly underestimate the true toll of migration, a major political and social issue in most of the world today.

"No matter where you stand on the whole migration management debate ... these are still human beings on the move," said Bram Frouws, the head of the Mixed Migration Centre, which has done surveys of more than 20,000 migrants in its 4Mi project since 2014. "Whether it's refugees or people moving for jobs, they are human beings."

No buses for now, weary caravan migrants set to resume march

JUCHITAN, Mexico (AP)— Thousands of weary Central Americans in a migrant caravan aiming to reach the United States had their visions of quick transport hundreds of miles ahead to Mexico City dashed Wednesday as dozens of hoped-for buses failed to materialize.

The migrants took the day off from walking and hitching rides in packed trucks from small town to small town as representatives tried to negotiate rides for all 4,000 or so in hope of relief from the long and exhausting grind.

But as the day wore on there was no sign Mexican authorities intended to accede to the demand, and by evening leaders acknowledged it wasn't going to happen.

"The attempt to travel by bus failed," coordinator Walter Cuello said.

After spending the night at a city-owned property on the outskirts of the southern city of Juchitan, the migrants wandered around looking for something to eat as classic songs by Mexican singer Vicente Fernandez, known as "the king of ranchera music," played in the background. Loudspeaker announcements discussed bathroom use and a prohibition on charging money to power their cellphones.

Red Cross personnel bandaged the swollen feet of Honduran farmer Omar Lopez, who had pounded the hot asphalt of highways every day for the last two weeks after spending nights on concrete sidewalks with just a thin sheet of plastic for cover. Lopez said playing soccer back home had given him stamina but the "exaggerated" walk has taken its toll.

"The sacrifice is worth the effort," Lopez said. "I promised to buy my son a real motorcycle and I'm going to make good. I promised him many other things ... not only things, I also want to give them education. Everything good costs money."

Amid the increasing exhaustion of the migrants, a Guatemalan woman gave birth to the first known caravan baby at a hospital in Juchitan. Mexico's governmental National Human Rights Commission said it had arranged for medical attention for the woman, who was 28 weeks pregnant, and the girl was healthy.

The plan for Thursday was to set out around 3 a.m., taking advantage of the cool pre-dawn and morning temperatures to trek to Santa Maria Jalapa del Marques, about 35 miles (57 kilometers) to the west.

The migrants had not said what route they intended to take northward or where on the U.S. border they planned to reach, and Juchitan, still about 900 miles from U.S. soil, was something of a crossroads. Choosing Jalapa del Marques as the next destination appeared to indicate they were opting to travel via Oaxaca state's eponymous capital instead of turning north toward the Gulf coast state of Veracruz, the latter a common transit route toward McAllen, Texas.

Turkish prosecutor says Saudi writer strangled, dismembered

ISTANBUL (AP)—Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi was strangled as soon as he entered the Saudi consulate in Istanbul as part of a premeditated killing, and his body was dismembered before it was removed, a top Turkish prosecutor said Wednesday.

Chief Istanbul prosecutor Irfan Fidan's office also said in a statement that discussions with Saudi chief prosecutor Saud al-Mojeb over the killing yielded "no concrete result" despite Turkey's "good-intentioned efforts to reveal the truth."

The statement was the first public confirmation by a Turkish official that Khashoggi was strangled and mutilated after he entered the Saudi Consulate on Oct. 2. It also pointed to a lack of cooperation from Saudi officials in the investigation of the slaying.

"In accordance with plans made in advance, the victim, Jamal Khashoggi, was strangled and killed immediately after entering the Consulate General of Saudi Arabia," the prosecutor's office said.

"The victim Jamal Khashoggi's body was dismembered and destroyed following his death by suffocation, again in line with the advance plans," the two-page statement read.

The prosecutor's statement that Khashoggi was killed immediately conflicts with a report by pro-government newspaper Yeni Safak earlier this month, which cited what it described as an audio recording of Khashoggi being tortured before being killed. The newspaper claimed that his fingers were cut off and that he was killed by being beheaded.

On Wednesday, U.S. President Donald Trump said he doesn't feel "betrayed" by Saudi Arabia over Khashoggi's death.

Trump, who made Saudi Arabia the destination of his first foreign trip as president, said the Saudis didn't betray him but "maybe they've betrayed themselves." Trump told reporters at the White House on Wednesday: "I just hope it all works out."

Turkey is seeking the extradition of 18 suspects in the journalist's slaying who were detained in Saudi Arabia. It also is pressing Saudi Arabia for information about who ordered Khashoggi's killing and the location of his remains.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has called on Riyadh to disclose the identity of an alleged local collaborator said to have been involved in getting rid of Khashoggi's body.

Saudi chief prosecutor al-Mojeb met with Fidan twice and also visited the Turkish intelligence agency's Istanbul headquarters this week before leaving for Riyadh on a private jet Wednesday.

Saudi Arabia has not commented directly on the prosecutor's visit and al-Mojeb did not respond to journalists' questions at the airport as he departed.

Fidan's office said the Saudi delegation submitted a written statement and invited the Turkish delegation to come to Saudi Arabia bringing "evidence obtained during the course of the investigation."

The Saudi representatives said the whereabouts of Khashoggi's remains and whether the killing was premeditated or not would only come to light through a joint interrogation by Turkish and Saudi investigators, according to the statement.

Science & Technology

TECH Q&A

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Fixing non-secure internet connections

Q We have two phones and two tablet computers using our home Wi-Fi network. Lately all the devices have been getting a "your connection is not private" warning when going to some secure websites (they have "https" addresses) that sell airline or entertainment tickets. I use the Google Chrome browser, but I've had the same problem with Mozilla Firefox. How can I fix this?

A: The warning means that the SSL (secure sockets layer) part of your online connection has encountered a problem.

At worst, it may mean you are connecting to a phony website that will steal your personal information. Less drastically, the warning could mean that the website hasn't kept its security software up to date, or that it hasn't updated the electronic "security certificate" that identifies it as authentic.

But the warning can also be triggered at your end of the secure connection by a problem with the computer, web browser or antivirus software. There are several remedies you should try:

■ Close the browser, reopen it and try reaching the secure website again.

■ Make sure your devices display the correct date and time. A secure connection can only be established if a device and the website that it's trying to reach agree on those things.

■ Some antivirus programs interfere with https (HyperText Transfer Protocol secure) connections. If possible, turn off the antivirus features "SSL scan" or "https scan." If you can't, temporarily turn off the antivirus software (if that works, get a different antivirus program.)

■ Try emptying your browser's cache. It holds data from previously viewed websites and can interfere with the way web pages load. (See tinyurl.com/ycg59c54 for Chrome.) When clearing data, check only the box next to "cached images and files." (See tinyurl.com/m6pngn5 for Firefox.) When clearing data, check only the box next to "cached web content."

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Q: When I listen to online music using a smartphone with Bluetooth wireless headphones, I keep getting the error message "unfortunately Bluetooth Share has stopped." I've tried clearing the Bluetooth data cache on my phone, an HTC Desire 610, but it doesn't help. What should I do?

A: The issue is likely fixed by emptying the "system cache partition" that temporarily stores phone data to speed up apps.

Turn off the phone, and then press and hold the "volume-up" and "volume-down" buttons at the same time. Hold down the "power" (on-switch) button until the phone vibrates, and then release it. Continue holding down the two volume buttons until "Android system recovery" appears, then use the volume-down button to select "wipe cache partition." Hold down the power button to make that choice, and then choose "reboot system now."

If that doesn't work, back up (and later restore) your phone data using either a computer (download the free "HTC Sync Manager" at tinyurl.com/yadhw5nn) or a MicroSD memory card (see tinyurl.com/ycboulur). Then do a "master reset" of the phone, which wipes out all data and returns the phone to its factory settings (see tinyurl.com/yd8kjy2s).

In this March 15, 2018, file photo a dispatcher works at a desk station with a variety of screens used by those who take 911 emergency calls in Roswell, Ga. AP

Why is it so hard to text 911?

NEW YORK (AP)—People can livestream their every move on Facebook and chatter endlessly in group chats. But in most parts of the U.S., they still can't reach 911 by texting—an especially important service during mass shootings and other catastrophes when a phone call could place someone in danger.

Although text-to-911 service is slowly expanding, the emphasis there is on "slow." Limited funds, piecemeal adoption and outdated call-center technology have all helped stymie growth.

Emergency 911 centers stress that a phone call is still the best way to reach them, since calls provide them with location data and other needed details. But in some cases—for instance, if a person has a hearing disability, or when a call might attract the attention of assailants—texting is a far better way to call for help.

The 911 emergency system was developed for landlines. But now about 80 percent of U.S. 911 calls come from cellphones, according to the federal government's National 911 Program. There is no legal requirement for call centers to offer text-to-911 services.

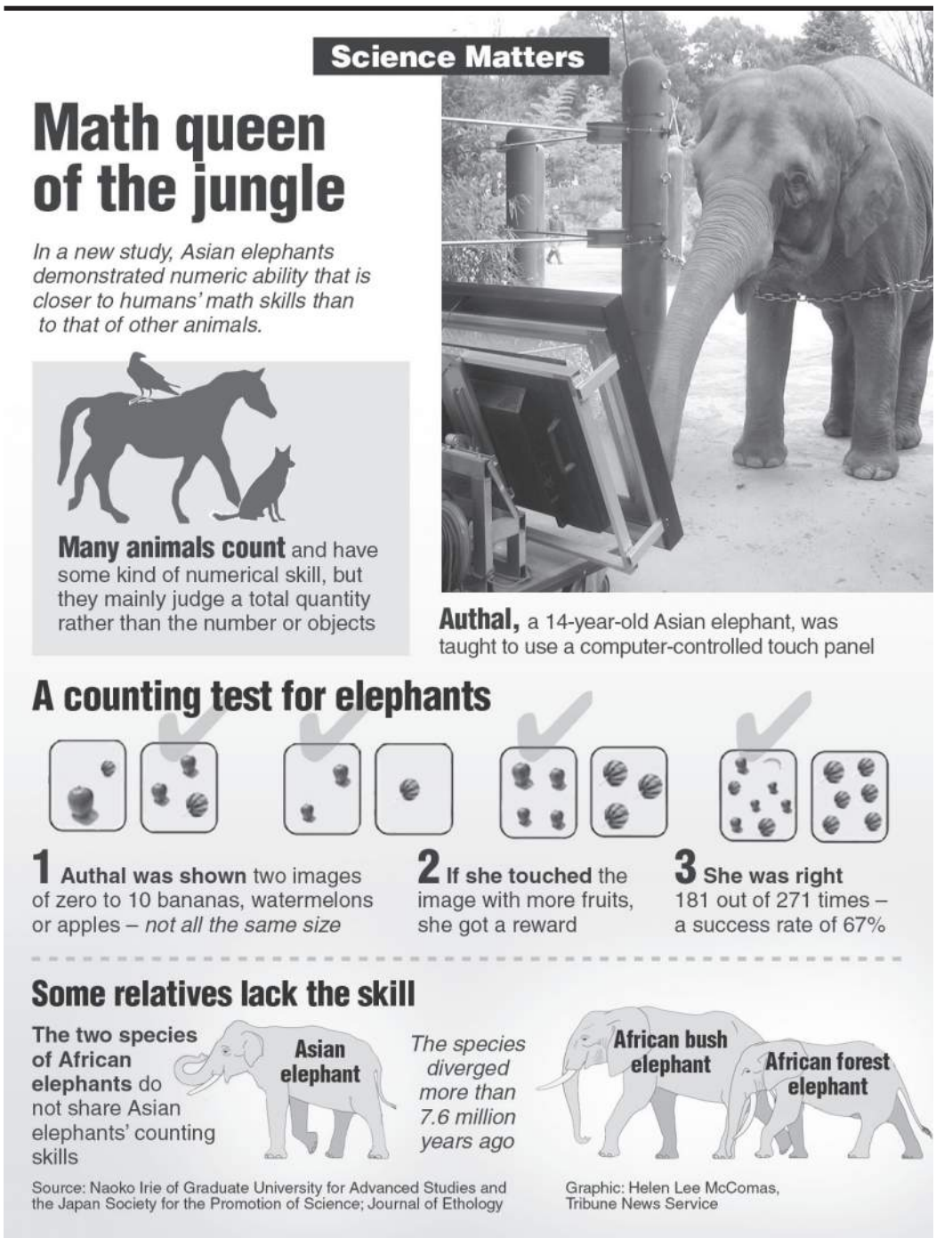
If a center requests the service from mobile companies like Verizon or Sprint, however, the companies are required to provide it within six months.

More money would speed implementation. "We need a significant federal grant program to modernize 911 systems across the country," said Jeff Cohen, chief counsel at advocacy group the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials.

Congressional legislation could speed adoption of text-to-911, and while there are two bills currently making their way through Congress related to the issue, they need more bipartisan support, Cohen said. Traditionally 911 call centers have been funded by a combination of state and local funding, rather than relying on federal grants. For that reason technology and adoption varies widely between states, cities and counties.

While some areas may have plenty of money to implement text-to-911 service, "others are cash strapped cities or communities that would rather spend money on a police car rather than text-to-911," said Brian Fontes, chief executive officer of the National Emergency Number Association. "When you don't have the money you have to prioritize what you do with the money you have."

The first text-to-911 was sent in 2009 in Iowa.


Science Matters
Math queen of the jungle
In a new study, Asian elephants demonstrated numeric ability that is closer to humans' math skills than to that of other animals.
Many animals count and have some kind of numerical skill, but they mainly judge a total quantity rather than the number or objects
Authal, a 14-year-old Asian elephant, was taught to use a computer-controlled touch panel
A counting test for elephants
1 Authal was shown two images of zero to 10 bananas, watermelons or apples – not all the same size
2 If she touched the image with more fruits, she got a reward
3 She was right 181 out of 271 times – a success rate of 67%
Some relatives lack the skill
The two species of African elephants do not share Asian elephants' counting skills
Asian elephant
The species diverged more than 7.6 million years ago
African bush elephant
African forest elephant
Source: Naoko Irie of Graduate University for Advanced Studies and the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science; Journal of Ethology
Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Tribune News Service

Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Look what we found: Tiny female lion cub in French garage

PARIS (AP)—France's customs agency says it's made an extremely surprising discovery in a garage in Marseille: a lion cub. Marseille's customs brigade found a small female lioness inside a cage Wednesday that weighed just "a few kilograms (pounds)." Experts say she's 1 to 2 months old and has not been weaned. The agency said a man who was placed in detention said he acquired the cub from some people in "a building" in the southern French city who said they didn't know how to look after a wild cat and gave the animal up. The custom agency says the feline was immediately handed over to France's animal protection group for specialized care. In January 2007, two lion cubs were discovered by Montpellier customs before being given to the Marseille Zoo.

UK police hunt shoplifter who looks like David Schwimmer

LONDON (AP)—British police are hunting a shoplifter who bears a striking resemblance to Ross Geller, the character played by David Schwimmer on the TV show "Friends." Facebook users noticed the similarity when police posted surveillance-camera footage of a man carrying a carton of cans from a restaurant in Blackpool, northwest England. The actor responded with a Twitter video that showed him scuttling furtively through a convenience store clutching a carton of beer. Schwimmer wrote: "Officers, I swear it wasn't me. As you can see, I was in New York." He wished police well with the investigation. Lancashire Police later confirmed that "David Schwimmer was in America on this date." Britain's Daily Star newspaper ran a story about Schwimmer's lookalike under the headline "I'll Beer There for You," a play on lyrics from the "Friends" theme.

What a break! Man's fall leads to hospital lottery pool win

STRATFORD, N.J. (AP)—A New Jersey man walking to buy a lottery ticket for this week's massive Mega Millions jackpot fell and broke his hip, but the trip to the hospital turned into his lucky break. WCAU-TV reports 87-year-old Earl Livingston was invited to join the hospital staff's lottery pool, which included a winning $1 million Mega Millions ticket. Livingston's niece, Bobbie Mickle, says Livingston told staff he was disappointed about not getting a ticket so they invited him to join the pool with 141 other people. Livingston will need a hip replacement, but he says he's thankful. Mickle says she first thought her uncle was confused when he said he won, but staff later confirmed his story.

Relief: Police recover stolen inflatable colon

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—There was a sigh of relief after police recovered a giant inflatable colon that is used to teach about the dangers of colon cancer. Police in Kansas City, Missouri, announced on Twitter Tuesday that a tip led officers to locate the "pilfered intestine" inside a vacant house. The 10-foot (3-meter), 150-pound (68-kilogram) prop, worth $4,000, was stolen this month from the back of a pickup truck. It had been purchased by the Colon Cancer Coalition, which hosts walking and running events under a "Get Your Rear In Gear" campaign, and was stored at the University of Kansas Cancer Center. There is a silver lining to the story. Donations poured in after the theft and the coalition was able to purchase two replacement colons.

Police: Men arrested in pumpkin smashing crime spree

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP)—Police in the southern Oregon town of Grants Pass have arrested two men suspected in a pumpkin-powered crime spree, ending weeks of incidents of smashed gourds and broken car windows. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports Jacob Solomon and Adrian Ochoa, both 19, face multiple counts of criminal mischief in connection with at least 50 vehicles vandalized and damaged between Oct. 7 and 23, authorities said. Police say Solomon and Ochoa drove around town at night snatching pumpkins from outdoor supermarket displays which they would hurl through car windows. Lt. Misty English says damages reported by victims are at about $30,000 and continue to climb. Police say they were helped in finding the suspects because they carried out the alleged vandalism in an easily-recognizable gold Buick with a large dent in one side.

Philadelphia's decadent 'Wing Bowl' no more after 26 years

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Philadelphia's annual decadent display of binge eating and bad behavior known as Wing Bowl is over after 26 years. The event hosted by a sports radio station the Friday before the Super Bowl drew thousands of rowdy fans to the Wells Fargo Center in the early morning hours to kick off Super Bowl weekend. WIP hosts Angelo Cataldi and Al Morganti announced the end of Wing Bowl on the air Tuesday morning. Morganti originally came up with the idea as a way to get Philadelphia sports fans through another championship weekend without the home team. He implied the city doesn't need it anymore, adding: "It's like that Greek god who put the rock up the hill. It went over...They won the Super Bowl!"

'French Spiderman' barred from climbing UK buildings

LONDON (AP)—French urban climber Alain Robert has been banned from climbing any building in Britain after scaling one of London's tallest skyscrapers without ropes—and without permission. Robert climbed the 662-foot (202-meter) Heron Tower on Thursday as police cordoned off the building, closed roads and ushered spectators away. He was arrested after the climb and appeared in a London court on Friday. Robert pleaded guilty to causing a public nuisance and received a 20-week suspended sentence and a 5,500 pound ($7,000) fine. He was also barred from climbing all buildings in Britain "until further notice." The 56-year-old daredevil, known as "the French Spiderman," has climbed many of the world's tallest structures. Before Thursday's climb, he told reporters "I fully feel alive when my life is at stake."

'Corpse flower' that smells like dirty diapers to bloom

HANOVER, N.H. (AP)—Just in time for Halloween, a rare "corpse flower" that gets its nickname from its putrid smell is expected to bloom next week at Dartmouth College's greenhouse. Named Morphy, the titan arum is native to Sumatra's equatorial rainforests and has a long, pointy stalk with a skirt-like covering and tiny yellow flowers at its base. It blooms just for several days. When it does, it has an odor described as rotting flesh, a decaying animal or even soiled baby diapers. The plant is decorated with bats, spiders and an arm reaching out of the soil, holding a sign that says, "Help me!" It's been growing several inches a day. By Friday morning, it reached 71.5 inches (1.82 meters).

WITCH PADDLE AP

Hundreds of witches, along with a handful of warlocks and wizards, tossed their broomsticks, grabbed paddles and traveled six miles along the Willamette River Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018. The event, called Standup Paddleboard Witch Paddle, dodged days of rain catching a short window of sunshine for the entire three-hour event. The costumed coven cruised for six miles along the Willamette River, which divides the city of Portland.

IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

†Rita Tudela Cabrera

June 30, 1963 – October 23, 2018
at the age of 55

Parents: †Gregorio Camacho Cabrera
†Escolastica Tudela Cabrera
Children: Victoria Ann. T. Cabrera & Keoni B. Pua (Keoky Gregorio, Vaugh Jonah)
Reared Children: Katrina Lynn Cabrera & Froilan M. Camacho Jr. & Children
Joshua James Cabrera & Carmen Babauta
Brothers and Sisters/ In-Laws:
Linda T. Cabrera
Isidoro & Susana Cabrera
Daria & David Cing
Millan C. & †Elroy Hill
Oliva C. & †Thomas Deleon Guerrero
Olinka T. Cabrera
Noe T. Cabrera & Carmen Sablan
Anthony T. Cabrera & Rizza Enriquez
Gloria C. Reyes
Eleonita C. Camacho & †Raymond S. Camacho
Eloy T. Cabrera
Carmen C. Pangelinan & †Joaquin I. Pangelinan

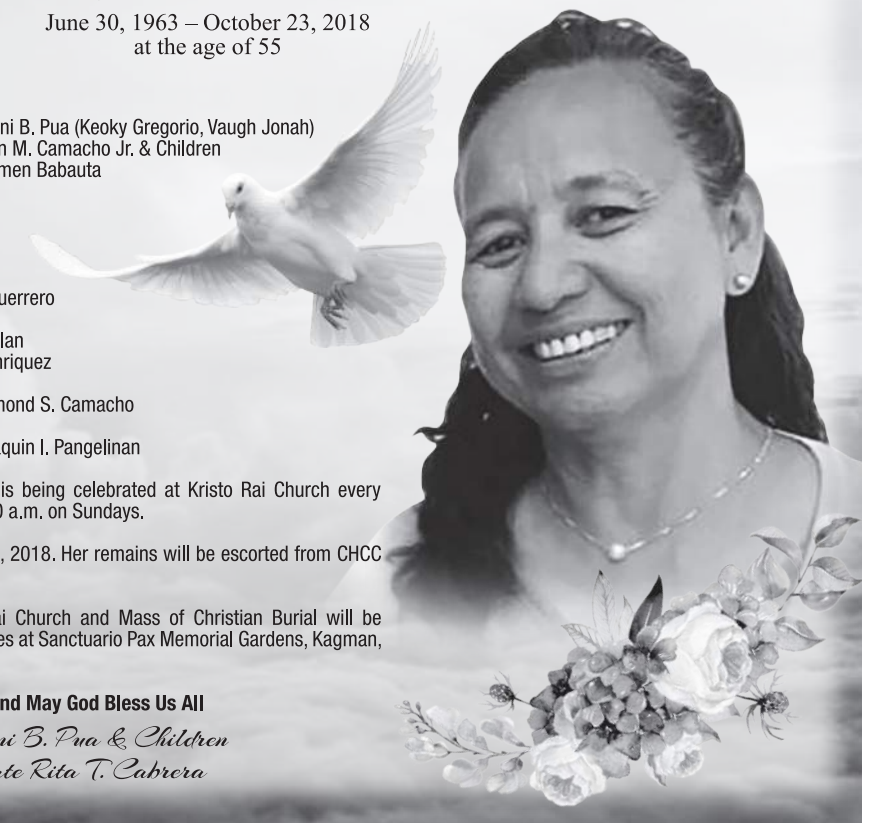
Daily mass of intentions for the repose of her soul is being celebrated at Kristo Rai Church every morning at 7:00 a.m. on Monday to Saturday and 8:00 a.m. on Sundays.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, November 5, 2018. Her remains will be escorted from CHCC chapel to Kristo Rai Church at 7:45 a.m.

Responso will take place at 8:00 a.m. at Kristo Rai Church and Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. followed by Interment Services at Sanctuario Pax Memorial Gardens, Kagman, where she will be at a peaceful rest.

Thank you, Si Yu'us Ma'ase and May God Bless Us All

Victoria T. Cabrera/ Keoni B. Pua & Children
and the Family of the late Rita T. Cabrera



Life & Style

Rami Malek explains how he dug deep to find Freddie Mercury

NEW YORK (AP)—Rami Malek says he identified with the immigrant side of Freddie Mercury while tackling the role of the legendary Queen frontman.

The first-generation American spoke about his starring role at the New York premiere of "Bohemian Rhapsody" on Tuesday. The "Mr. Robot" star connected with Mercury's outsider passion for success.

"I set out to be an actor some, I don't know, over a decade ago. I think something was possibly burning inside the both of us. We had aspirations to live our dream. And I'm getting a chance to do that right now in this very moment," Malek said.

This image released by Twentieth Century Fox shows Gwilym Lee, from left, Rami Malek and Joe Mazzello in a scene from "Bohemian Rhapsody." AP

While many aspects defined Mercury, including being one of the best vocalists to front a rock band, his flamboyant presence and a penchant for taking chances, Malek felt like he had to dig deeper to find the beating heart of the Tanzania-born Mercury, who arrived in London at 18.

"In some way he became the Freddie Mercury superstar that overcame every obstacle imaginable to be the guy that we all know can command the stage, and hold us in the palm of his hand like no other," Malek said. "My family is from Egypt. I'm a first-generation American. And somehow I thought there were strings that I could tether together with him."

At the New York premiere of "Bohemian Rhapsody," Adam Lambert, who has playing with Queen for the past seven years, calls the Freddie Mercury biopic "just beautiful," saying he thinks the movie has the same power as the band's stage show. (Oct. 31)

Malek's performance has more than impressed fans; it has impressed members of the band too. Current Queen lead singer Adam Lambert even feels the resemblance between the two is uncanny.

"I love the heart that he brings to the role, the sensitivity. I love that the music of this band affects people in a way. And I know it firsthand, you know, being on tour with them for the past six years," Lambert said.

"You play one of these hit songs and just watching the audience light up and go through all their nostalgia and all of their memories that they've shared over this piece of music and they knew every word and they're laughing and they're crying and they're dancing. That's what you want, it really unites people. So I think the film is going to have that power as well," Lambert said.

And Malek has also captivated guitarist Brian May, who says the actor's performance, "suspends disbelief."

"You believe he's Freddie," May said.

Lawsuit alleges Harvey Weinstein sexually assaulted girl, 16

NEW YORK (AP)—Harvey Weinstein was accused in a civil court filing Wednesday of forcing a 16-year-old Polish model to touch his penis, subjecting her to years of harassment and emotional abuse and blocking her from a successful acting career as payback for refusing his advances.

The accuser, identified as Jane Doe, alleges that Weinstein assaulted her at his New York City apartment in 2002, just days after they'd met at an event involving her modeling agency.

Weinstein

Doe alleges the movie mogul promised to take her to lunch to discuss her career, but instead took her to his empty SoHo apartment and "aggressively and threateningly" demanded sex.

Weinstein instructed Doe to take off her clothes and intimated that she'd never work as an actress unless she gave in to his demands, according to the filing, the latest revelation in a lawsuit alleging Weinstein's movie studio board enabled his behavior.

"Terrified and struggling to hold back tears, Jane Doe said she would not and resisted his demands," the filing states. "Jane Doe was a virgin, and had no intention or understanding when she agreed to a business lunch that she would be put in this alarming position."

Weinstein's lawyer, Benjamin Brafman, called the allegations "preposterous." Weinstein denies all allegations of nonconsensual sex.

"Eventually, just as others have been exposed to be liars, this uncorroborated allegation that is almost 20 years old will be shown to be patently false," Brafman said.

A lawyer representing the movie studio, The Weinstein Company, declined to comment.

Dozens of women have accused Weinstein of wrongdoing.

Articles published a year ago in The New York Times and The New Yorker detailing his alleged behavior helped spark the #MeToo movement.

Andrea Bocelli teams up with his son for new duet

NEW YORK (AP)—Italian star tenor Andrea Bocelli has teamed up with singers like Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo and Ed Sheeran for acclaimed duets during his career, but singing with his son Matteo is something he hopes feels extra special.

"I hope it is a beautiful and enjoyable moment for anyone who listens to it," Bocelli said in an interview last week.

"Fall on Me" appears on the maestro's new album "Si," released last week. The song, which reflects on the bond between parent and child, also appears in the new Disney film "The Nutcracker and the Four Realms," starring Keira Knightley, Morgan Freeman, Mackenzie Foy and Helen Mirren. It opens in U.S. theaters Friday.

Bocelli, 60, and 21-year-old Matteo have sung many times together at home, so recording together did not feel strange, the veteran singer said. Matteo is studying music and likes to experiment with opera, pop and a combination of both—two genres his father has been extremely successful at.

"Matteo needs to finish his studies to be a serious singer. When you go to the doctor or to see a lawyer, you expect to find a serious professional. The same goes for singers," said Bocelli, seated next to a smiling Matteo. "But Matteo has shown he has a gift. He has something you don't learn."

Matteo agrees with his father.

Julita Iorita Suda Kapileo

Lovingly known as "Iori"
Born to life on June 13, 1953
Called to Eternal life on October 6, 2018

In her new Life, Iori will be met at the gates of Heaven by her:

Parents:	Sarah Suda and Jesus Isamu Uppweman
Parents-in-law:	Faustina Quitugua and Felipe Misuk Kapileo
Husbands:	Antonio Q. Kapileo, Juan Q. Kapileo
Children:	Julia S. Kapileo, Jay Eric S. Kapileo
Grandchildren:	Kristina Edwina, Alandadonn and Tiana K. Malwelbug, Angel A. Kapileo
Siblings:	William Suda
Sisters-in-law:	Cynthia Q. Kapileo, Andresina Q. Kapileo
Brothers-in-law:	Canice Q. Kapileo, Singeru Techur

Her loving memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Children: TM Suda (JungTsua), **Kristina K.** & Lorenzo L. Norita (LJ Baldemero, Frankie Byron/Kaleina Reyes: [Kalie, Angelina]), **Valerie K.** & Finian Malwelbug (AJ Manuel/Ashley Torres: [AJ Manuel, Jr.]; Alvin, David Lionel/Nikita Roberts, Donn Travis/Nathaley Smith, Jewel Siaweribeg, Finian, Jr.), Ida A./**Antonio, Jr. S. Kapileo** (Julia Faustina, Phillip Joe, Kyle Kawika, Tiony Kylia), Livian Ngeskebei/**Juan, Jr. S. Kapileo** (Sion, J'Dean, JuanCarlos, Champ William, Nieves Iori, Antonio), Johanna D./**Jonathan S. Kapileo** (Melvin Jon, Erica Nathania, Peka Angelo, Chance Jonathan), Helen Esetok/**Rego Jicko** (Doryalina, Drauzen, Caitlen, Riana, Yaeko, Mia), **Jerry S. Kapileo, Eric David S. Kapileo.**

Brothers/Sisters/Spouses: Yuri/**Marcus Suda** & Children, **Catherine "Anae" S.**/Edward Omar & Children, Lore K./**Johanes Suda** & Children, **Sakie S.**/Tasio Kau & Children, Natalie/**Baltazar "Burt" Suda** & Children, **Pipiana I.**/Nais Nokota & Children

Brothers/Sisters-in-law: **Dionicia K. Techur** & Children, Pauline DLG./**Luis Q. Kapileo** & Children, Veronica T. Kapileo & Children, **Jacinta Q. Kapileo** & Children, **Anna Q. Kapileo**, **Ignacia K.** & Ferdous Bhuiyan & Children, Esther K./**Felipe Q. Kapileo** & Children, **Jesus Q. Kapileo**, Teresa P./**Joseph Q. Kapileo** & Children, & Ursula A./**Fabian Nick Q. Kapileo** & Children

Numerous nephews, nieces, godchildren, cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends will miss her dearly.....

The arrival of our beloved Iori, her wake and funeral will be announced at a later date.
Your thoughts, prayers, words of comfort are sincerely appreciated.

The Family

Gag! Rotting fish, maggots on menu at Disgusting Food Museum

MALMO, Sweden (AP)—Sheep eyeball juice. Bull testicles. Maggot-infested cheese. American root beer.

These are among the items considered palatable or even regarded as delicacies in some cultures that the Disgusting Food Museum in Malmo, Sweden is serving up.

The temporary museum, which opened Wednesday, clearly braced for revolted visitors to gag at the foods on display, most of which can be smelled or tasted. Tickets came in the form of vomit bags.

Curator Samuel West said the exhibition is meant to entertain, but also to convey a thought-provoking message: what is considered appetizing or repulsive is learned and can change. He hopes visitors will be encouraged to try more sustainable food products that are being developed or marketed, like insects and lab-grown meat.

"Disgust is one of the six fundamental human emotions, and the evolutionary function of disgust is to help us to avoid foods that might be dangerous, that are contaminated, toxic, gone off," West said. "Disgust is hardwired as an emotion but what we find disgusting is culturally learned."

The idea of exploring gross food came to him with awareness that the "single most impactful way we can impact the environment is by eating less meat," he said.

"It's an exhibition that asks visitors to challenge their notions of what is disgusting and what is delicious, and the aim is to get people to understand there is no objective measure of disgust," West said. "For some, the revelation might be that 'maybe insects aren't as disgusting as I thought.'"

The 80 food items in the museum's exhibit include a bull's penis, frog smoothies from Peru, a wine made of baby mice that is consumed in China and Korea, and Sweden's "surstromming," an infamously putrid fermented herring.

Visitors are also introduced to "balut," partially developed duck fetuses that are boiled inside the egg and eaten straight from the shell in the Philippines, as well as "casu marzu," a Sardinian pecorino cheese infested by maggots.

Also included are items many Western visitors might not consider disgusting at all.

In this photo taken on Sept. 22, 2018 a container of Mice wine on display at the Disgusting Food Museum, in Malmo, Sweden. Baby mice are drowned and brewed in rice wine and the brew is matured for up to a year before drinking. AP

Swedish visitors are surprised to find salty licorice, popular in Sweden but perceived as disgusting to many others.

American foods on display include Jell-O salad, made of gelatin and typically fruit; canned pork brains with milk gravy; and root beer, a sweet soft drink which Swedes say tastes like toothpaste.

"I think that by turning the lens onto ourselves, on Swedish or American food culture, we are saying, 'We treat everyone the same,'" West said.

West said he has managed only to sample about half of the more exotic collected consumables. Asked if he ever vomited while preparing the exhibition, he said, "Every day."

Some of the delicacies are so smelly they are kept in glass jars. At a museum preview last week, people took tentative sniffs of the displays before recoiling with grimaces.

"Real food in the museum setting can be a problem," said Andreas Ahrens, museum director and curator. "You have to change things pretty regularly. You have to make sure that it doesn't start to rot."

Or as West put it: "You can't leave bull testicles out for too long."

West, a clinical psychologist and researcher from California, was also the creator of the Museum of Failure, a successful showcase of products that failed with consumers. It also opened in Sweden and will be shown soon in Shanghai.

Hakan Jonsson, a Lund University ethnology professor who helped with research for the exhibition, said notions of what people find delicious and disgusting are already changing.

"A lot of big groups in (the) Western world are all of a sudden thinking 'Meat has become disgusting, something that I could never put into my mouth,'" he said. "And that is something quite new in the history here, where something considered as being normal, and prestigious, being the thing that you were aiming for Sunday, and all of a sudden that had become a matter of disgust for many people."

The Disgusting Food Museum is scheduled to run until Jan. 27, 2019, at the Slagthuset MMX in Malmo.

Museum organizers said the museum shop offers a selection of "unusual" drinks and snacks and promise a restaurant operating in the building is "not disgusting."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

3 American authors vie for $75,000 history prize

LONDON (AP)—Three American historians are finalists for a $75,000 history book prize with books about Laura Ingalls Wilder, Joseph Conrad and the intersection of colonialism and climate change. Finalists announced Wednesday for the Cundill History Prize are "Prairie Fires," Caroline Fraser's Pulitzer Prize-winning biography of the "Little House on the Prairie" author; Maya Jasanoff's look at the world that made Conrad, "The Dawn Watch"; and Sam White's "A Cold Welcome," which explores the impact of the "Little Ice Age" on European settlement of North America. Historian Martin Gilbert, who chaired the judging panel, said the finalists were all "irresistible reads ... that move the genre of history writing forward." The winner of the prize, open to all English-language history books and run by Montreal's McGill University, will be announced Nov. 15.

Home of late music icon Aretha Franklin listed for sale

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP)—The suburban Detroit home of the late "Queen of Soul" is for sale. Aretha Franklin's 4,148-square-foot (385-square-meter) brick Colonial-style house in Bloomfield Township is listed for $800,000 . It offers five bedrooms, seven bathrooms and access to the gated community's pool and tennis courts. There also is a three-car garage, jetted tub with sauna and multiple decks. Franklin was 76 and living in a riverfront apartment in downtown Detroit when she died in August from advanced pancreatic cancer. Her songs "Think" and "Respect" are R&B classics. Franklin died without a will . Her tangible assets include several pieces of property in the Detroit area that according to tax assessors' estimates are worth at least $2 million, with a market value that could easily be twice that.

Beyonce in '90s Halloween mood with Toni Braxton salute

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Beyonce is in a 1990′s mood as she salutes singer Toni Braxton for Halloween. Beyonce appears on Instagram in a pixie wig, leather jacket, white tank top and jeans to re-create Braxton's 1993 album, which she labeled Phoni Braxton. In the last of the three images, Beyonce writes: "Sending love and adoration to one of our talented legends. Thank you for the countless bops. Your tone, your beauty, your range, and your God-given talent is treasured." Braxton returned the love on Twitter by asking how Bey could "look better than me on MY album cover?" Beyonce channeling other artists is a bit of a Halloween tradition. Last year, it was Lil' Kim.

Mom's peaceful death leads to sibling war over her house

DEAR ABBY: My mom recently passed away at 91. She had a great life and went peacefully at home in bed during the night. I took charge of her medical care and finances after Dad died 10 years ago.

After Mom's funeral, my brother insisted he would move into her house while he remodeled it, which could tie up the house for a year. It made no sense to me. I am Mom's executor, and I felt it was unfair to me and my other brother. When I said no, he got really angry, accused me of many mean, untrue things and announced that he disowned me. I responded that I love him and he will always be my brother, but it was his choice.

The pain of losing my mom AND my brother has been awful. Now I'm working to sell the house, and he interferes and is mean every step of the way. But I have to move ahead and do my job. I don't respond to anything negative he writes. Have you some advice on how to repair our relationship? Maybe if he saw it in print he would realize we are family and none of this is helpful to any of us.

DOUBLE LOSS IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR DOUBLE LOSS: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your mother. If it's any comfort, estate problems like you're experiencing aren't all that unusual. Not knowing your brother or the degree to which he is self-centered, I'm having trouble understanding his overreaction. Was he desperate for a place to stay for a year?

I wish you had mentioned what your other brother thinks about this regrettable situation and whether he, too, was disowned. If he and your angry sibling are on speaking terms, perhaps he can help to mend fences. And hold a good thought. Sometimes time heals these kinds of wounds, once grief lessens and people regain their perspective.

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DEAR ABBY: "Addicted in Kansas City" (Aug. 24) asked you for secular alternatives to Alcoholics Anonymous. There are parts of your response that I feel need clarification.

First of all, AA doesn't require lifetime attendance at meetings. AA doesn't "require" anything. (The third tradition states the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.) Regular attendance at meetings is encouraged but certainly not a requirement. Many people continue to go to meetings one or more times a week, while others stop or go only occasionally after a period of time.

The other point is tougher—and perhaps more subtle. AA encourages individuals trying to get sober to find a "God of their own understanding," a Higher Power, SOMETHING bigger than themselves. Many agnostics and atheists get and stay sober in AA.

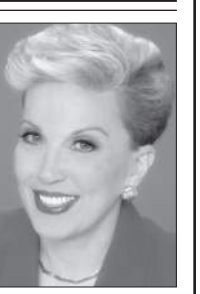
AA is a spiritual program, not a religious one. This can be a difficult concept for people who are just coming in (and a great reason not to stay). That's one of the reasons AA encourages anyone new to attend different meetings, if possible, and check out other groups. In many cities there are meetings expressly for atheists and other nonbelievers.

SOBER AND HAPPY IN ATLANTA

DEAR SOBER: Thank you for writing to clarify this. However, there are different programs (different strokes for different folks), which is why I also encourage anyone trying to achieve sobriety to research and explore the alternatives.

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



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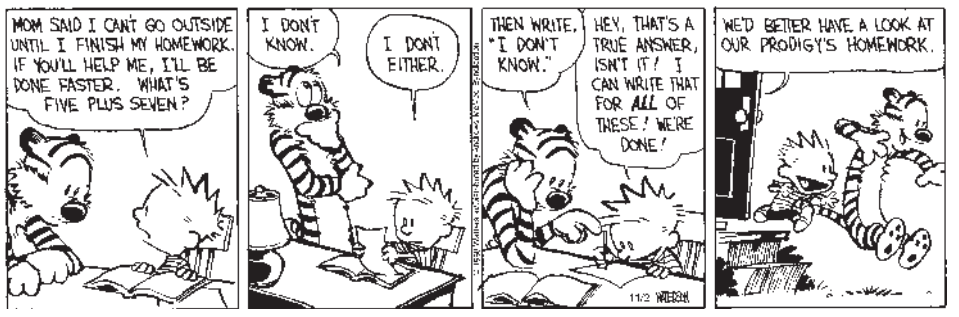
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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THEN WRITE, "I DON'T KNOW."
HEY, THAT'S A TRUE ANSWER, ISN'T IT! I CAN WRITE THAT FOR ALL OF THESE! WE'RE DONE!
WE'D BETTER HAVE A LOOK AT OUR PRODIGY'S HOMEWORK.

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By Jim Davis

LIZ, IF YOU WERE A TREE, WHAT KIND OF TREE WOULD YOU BE?
SERIOUSLY?
I GUESS I SHOULD THINK OF BETTER QUESTIONS
"WHEN DO WE EAT?" IS A GOOD QUESTION
JIM DAVIS 11-2

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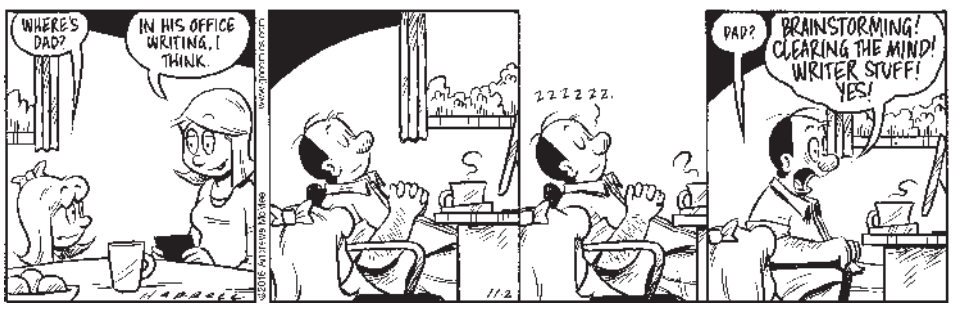
By Bryan Basset



The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

THIS IS RIDICULOUS... I ASKED FOR "NO PICKLES"!
AND I COUNT AT LEAST TEN ON MY BURGER. WHAT KIND OF PERSON COULD MAKE SUCH A MISTAKE?!
SOMEONE FIRE THE PICKLE ROBOT!

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 CEO's deg.
4 Body powder
8 On the rocks
12 Klutz
13 Track shape
14 Rotunda top
15 1994 sci-fi film
17 Animated figure
18 Shows indifference
19 Santa — winds
21 Crunchy sandwich
22 Cancel out
26 Concur
29 DDE predecessor
30 Triumphed
31 Fluffy scarves
32 Compete
33 Cushy
34 Directional ending
35 Goal
36 Middling mark
37 Papal emissary
39 Berlin's country (Abbr.)
40 Favorite
41 Comes up
45 Trace of smoke
48 Steer
50 And others (Lat.)
51 Tarzan's clique
52 Cistern
53 Eliot's "Adam —"
54 Stubborn beast
55 UFO crew

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1 Green shade
2 Tub session
3 Miles away
4 On/off switch
5 Sailor's cry
6 Long. crosser
7 Sanitize
8 Luggage attachment
9 Bill's partner
10 Comic Philips
11 Lair
16 Yokels
20 Profit
23 Military no-show
24 Bean curd
25 Tolkien creatures
26 First victim
27 Impale
28 Pealed
29 That fellow
32 "Platoon" setting
33 Parsley piece
35 Noshed
36 Red shade
38 Pie fruit
39 Judge's prop
42 Rescue
43 Coup d'—
44 Wimbledon divisions
45 Spider's home
46 Mineral suffix
47 Feeling down
49 "Simpsons" storekeeper

Solution time: 25 mins.

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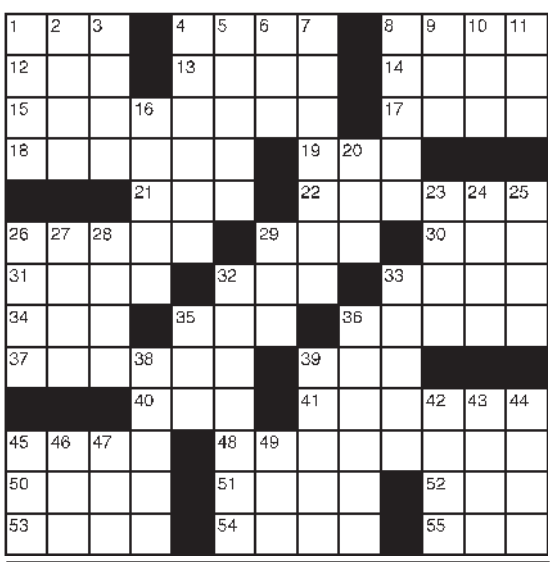

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ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Personal changes will require thought and planning. Don't let your enthusiasm push you to act too quickly. Time is on your side and will end up saving you money if you are patient enough to wait for a better deal. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Set your sights on what you want, and go through proper channels to ensure you get things right the first time. What you gain will make a difference to the way you live, work and how others treat you. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Truth can be stranger than fiction. Listen carefully, but don't take anyone's word as gospel. Consider the consequences if you make a mistake, and investigate the possibilities. It's best to be sure before you decide to join in the conversation. ✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Engage in events or activities that offer something new and exciting. Getting involved in the creative process of pulling things together and being a part of something that excites you will give you something to look forward to. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Look for the good in everyone, but don't be too generous trying to buy friendship. Think before you let someone take advantage of you. Make improvements at home and to yourself. Look within and aim for personal growth. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Make a point of addressing issues that are bothering you before they escalate into something unmanageable. You may discover those you have grievances with have problems with you as well. There is always room for improvement. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Finish what you start. Don't let emotions disrupt your plans. Hard work will pay off, and trying to get others to do the work for you will not bring good results. Choose to cut costs, not incur them. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Don't let the past hold you back. Let it go, and you'll be able to take advantage of something new and exciting. You have plenty to offer, so stop wasting your time on someone or something that isn't worth your while. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Don't trust what you hear. Someone will mislead you intentionally. An emotional situation will get blown out of proportion, leaving you confused and disillusioned about someone you thought you could trust. Make sure your personal documentation is updated. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Take a moment to plan out your schedule to ensure you get the most out of whatever comes your way. A financial deal, joint venture or personal improvement can be made with confidence as long as you stick to a set budget. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Clear the way for better days. Make personal changes that will boost your confidence and encourage you to trust and believe in yourself and your abilities. Turn your back on those harboring bad habits or trying to coax you into overspending. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Don't be too quick to share your feelings with someone who opens up to you. Be a good listener and consider how much is fabricated before you jump on board with the actions he or she may want you to take. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are practical, assertive and adaptable. You are sensitive and helpful.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Last Friday's Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★

WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PEDRO PANGELINAN TENORIO, Deceased.
) **CIVIL ACTION NO. 18-0418**
) **FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS PER SUA SPONTE ORDER**
) Date: December 20, 2018
) Time: 9:00 a.m.
) Judge: Joseph N. Camacho

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE PEDRO PANGELINAN TENORIO OR HIS ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Ruth T. Sablan** has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to Probate the Will and for Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Pedro Pangelinan Tenorio, the deceased. The attorney for Petitioner is **Charity R. Hodson**, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 502607, Saipan, MP 96950.

Per the Court's Sua Sponte Order issued on October 30, 2018, the hearing on the Petition is scheduled to be heard on the date and at the time set forth above at the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors, or entities having claims against the deceased or his Estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of the first publication of the initial Notice of Hearing and Notice to Creditors on September 28, 2018, or the claim(s) will be baited. A copy of your claim should also be sent to **CHARITY R. HODSON, Attorney at Law, at the address herein-above indicated.**

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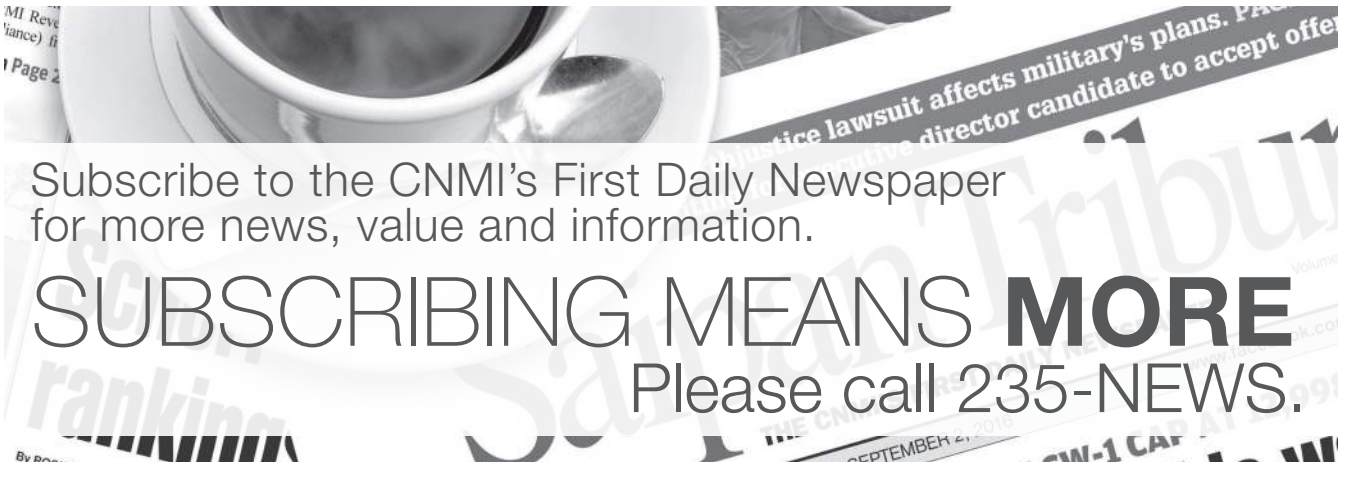

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Dodgers, Kershaw extend deadline on opt-out decision

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Clayton Kershaw and the Los Angeles Dodgers want some more time to consider their possible future together.

The three-time NL Cy Young Award winner and the team agreed to extend the deadline on his opt-out decision by 40 hours until 1 p.m. PDT Friday.

The team made the announcement a couple hours before the initial 9 p.m. PDT deadline Thursday.

Kershaw can opt out of the last two years and $65 million of his contract to become a free agent for the first time in an 11-year big league career spent entirely with the Dodgers. They drafted him in 2006.

If he opts out, he could negotiate with any team, including the Dodgers.

He signed a $215 million, seven-year contract in January 2014 that calls for salaries of $32 million next year and $33 million in 2020.

Kershaw was 9-5 with a 2.73 ERA this season.

At 30, he remains one of baseball's premier pitchers. But the left-handed ace had two separate stints on the disabled list for the fourth time in five years this season, and his fastball velocity has decreased.

Despite all of his individual accolades, the seven-time All-Star has yet to win a World Series. The Dodgers lost in the Fall Classic for the second straight year, falling 4-1 to Boston on Sunday.

Kershaw lost Games 1 and 5 against the Red Sox, and he is 9-10 with a 4.32 in the postseason in his career, including 1-4 with a 6.06 ERA in elimination games. He is 153-69 record with a 2.39 ERA during the regular season.

In Chicago, the Cubs have exercised their $10.5 million option on pitcher Jose Quintana.

The 29-year-old left-hander was 13-11 with a 4.03 ERA in 32 starts in his first full season with the Cubs. He was acquired from the White Sox in July 2017 as part of a deal in which they sent two top prospects to their crosstown rivals: pitcher Dylan Cease and outfielder Eloy Jimenez.

Quintana's deal had a $1 million buyout. It also includes an $11.5 million option for 2020 with a $1 million buyout.

The Cubs also claimed left-handed pitcher Jerry Vasto off waivers from the Kansas City Royals on Wednesday. He debuted last season with Colorado and had an 8.31 ERA over six appearances with the Rockies and Royals.

In Houston, the Astros have declined their $15 million club option for 2019 on catcher Brian McCann.

McCann spent the last two seasons with Houston Astros after a trade from the New York Yankees in November 2016. McCann made $17 million last season in the final guaranteed year of a five-year, $85 million contract he signed in with the Yankees in 2014.

The option would have become guaranteed if he accumulated 1,000 plate appearances combined in 2017-18, made 90 starts at catcher last season and been active at the end of the season. McCann, who missed two months this year after knee surgery, made just 62 starts at catcher and had 615 plate appearances in two seasons in Houston.

McCann hit just .212 with seven homers and 23 RBIs last season.

In Toronto, first baseman Justin Smoak's $8 million option for 2019 has been exercised by the Toronto Blue Jays, who declined a $5.5 million option on infielder Yangervis Solarte.

Smoak agreed in July 2016 to a deal that paid him $4,125,000 in each of the next two seasons. He would have received a $250,000 buyout if the option had been declined and would have become a free agent.

AP

Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Clayton Kershaw throws during the first inning of Game 1 of the World Series baseball game against the Boston Red Sox Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018, in Boston.

White House, athletes pressure anti-doping group to reform

WASHINGTON (AP)—Olympic athletes joined the acting White House drug czar and anti-doping officials from seven other countries on Wednesday to call on the World Anti-Doping Agency to reform its governance, saying major changes are necessary to ensure drug-free competition at international events.

The first-of-its-kind doping summit was organized by the Office of National Drug Control Policy in part as a response to WADA's reinstatement of Russia's anti-doping agency following a three-year ban for what investigators said was state-sponsored doping at the Sochi Olympics.

Acting drug czar James Carroll stopped short of threatening to withdraw U.S. funding to WADA, calling that "an issue of last resort." The U.S. contributes $2.3 million a year to WADA—more than any other country. The agency gets half its $34 million budget from national governments and half from the Olympics.

Instead, Carroll and other participants in the summit said they want to eliminate conflicts of interest in WADA's governance—chiefly by no longer allowing people who promote a sport to hold leadership roles—and to give athletes a more prominent voice. WADA's president, Craig Reedie, is a member of the International Olympic Committee, which critics say compromises his objectivity.

It remains unclear how effective a campaign of public pressure on WADA will be. The summit generated pushback from the global doping watchdog, which complained in a statement that its representatives had not been invited.

"It certainly seems that the only one invited are those that are now questioning WADA's governance because they are not in agreement with the democratic decision" to reinstate Russia, the statement read. "We welcome debate on this issue and we promote people's right to discuss and push for reforms. But unfortunately, it would seem as though only one side of the story was heard in Washington today."

Carroll said the point of the summit was to facilitate productive discussions with WADA about reform.

"We're not looking to dissolve WADA at all," he said. "What we're trying to do here today is to begin that dialogue to lay the steps to go to them as a united front."

Cora, World Series trophy hit by beer cars in parade

BOSTON (AP)—Confetti cannons boomed and huge crowds of fans cheered wildly on Wednesday as the Boston Red Sox rumbled through downtown aboard duck boats to mark the team's fourth World Series championship in the past 15 years.

One of the team's championship trophies and team manager Alex Cora were hit by flying cans of beer that Boston fans have made a practice of offering their sports heroes during recent victory parades. Neither was seriously injured and it didn't take any varnish off the shining celebration.

The rolling rally set off from venerable Fenway Park and wound its way through major city streets lined by fans numbering in the hundreds of thousands, some who arrived before dawn.

Bits of red, white and blue paper rained down as team officials, players, and their families waved from the amphibious, World War II-era vehicles. Some autographed balls and drank beers tossed to them from the jubilant throng.

Many in the sea of Red Sox jerseys and ball caps took advantage of the fact that the parade coincided with Halloween.

Young children dressed up as comic book and Disney characters, 20-somethings from the city's numerous colleges sported full-body panda and dinosaur outfits, and fans took selfies with a doppelganger of pro wrestler Hulk Hogan roaming the crowd.

Hundreds of thousands of fans packed major streets in Boston to watch the Red Sox parade their latest Word Series championship trophy (Oct. 31)

"It's been nothing but love. We're out here having a good time. We're turned up," said Jarrick Fidalgo, a New Bedford, Massachusetts, native with his face painted in the diabolical red, white and black of the Joker from "Batman."

But it wasn't all carefree fun. Team manager Alex Cora, one of the team's four World Series trophies and a bystander were among those hit by errant beer cans. Cora and the trophy were barely scathed, but the bystander was urged to get treatment for a gash on her nose, The Boston Globe reported.

Patrick Connolly, a 19-year-old from Sandwich, Massachusetts, was charged with assault and disorderly conduct for allegedly hitting Cora with an unopened beer.

Connolly told the arresting officers, according to the Globe: "I love Cora. I didn't mean to hit him."

Police Commissioner William Gross said there were five other parade-related arrests, including a 17-year-old charged with illegal firearm and drug possession.

Security was tight along the route, which took the team past the site of the deadly 2013 Boston Marathon bombings.

Public drinking, in theory, was banned, but many fans still liberally swigged from small vials of liquor and cans of beer.

Throughout the day, spontaneous anti-Yankees chants rang out, a nod to the long-running rivalry between the American League squads.

Countless Boston-area youths skipped class to take in the parade.

"I heard there were six people in my history class today. Everyone is here," said Max Colognesi, a 16-year-old from nearby Chestnut Hill who joined friends near the ballpark. "I have a lot of homework when I get back, but it's worth it."

During a pre-parade ceremony at Fenway, Cora thanked fans for supporting the team as it won a team-record 108 games before beating the New York Yankees, Houston Astros and Los Angeles Dodgers in the playoffs.

"I've been saying since Day One, this is crazy, this is madness," he said.

Rose scores career-high 50 as T-Wolves top Jazz

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Derrick Rose scored a career-high 50 points, turning back the clock to his prime years and lifting the Minnesota Timberwolves over the Utah Jazz 128-125 on Wednesday night.

Rose was in tears after the game as he walked off the court serenaded by chants of "MVP! MVP!" from the home crowd. The 30-year-old point guard has been derailed by injuries since he was the 2011 NBA MVP.

He had 34 points in the second half and 15 in a tightly contested fourth quarter as the Wolves held off the Jazz. His basket down low with 30 seconds remaining put Minnesota up for good, and he made two free throws with 13.8 seconds left to preserve a three-point lead.

Rudy Gobert missed a game-tying attempt in the final minute for Utah, and the Timberwolves grabbed the rebound to ensure Rose's big night wasn't wasted.

One of Rose's biggest shots was a corner 3-pointer that tied the game at 119. That gave him 44 points, which matched his previous high set during the 2011 playoffs with Chicago. His regular-season best had been 42 points.

Rose tied it at 110 with one of his patented layups, giving him 41 points. He weaved through traffic and made the off-balance shot, showing glimpses of the moves that once made him an elite player and the top pick in the 2008 draft.

Making his first start of the season, Rose scored 19 points in the third quarter as the Timberwolves took a five-point lead into the fourth. Karl-Anthony Towns added nine of his 28 points in the period.

AP

Minnesota Timberwolves' Derrick Rose, right, takes a fallback shot as Utah Jazz's Dante Exum defends in the first half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018, in Minneapolis.

Donovan Mitchell scored 26 points and Gobert added 22 for Utah. Jae Crowder provided 18 points off the bench.

Lakers 114, Mavericks 113

In Los Angeles, disaster averted. Barely.

LeBron James made one of two free throws with 2.1 seconds left Wednesday night as the Los Angeles Lakers held off the Dallas Mavericks after nearly blowing a 19-point lead in the second half.

The defeat would have been painful for the Lakers, who improved to 3-5 but continue to struggle during James' inaugural season with the team.

James, who missed two free throws late in overtime of a loss to the San Antonio Spurs last week, missed his first free throw with the score tied 113-113. With the tension cresting at Staples Center, James hit his second free throw and Dallas' J.J. Barea missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Warriors 131, Pelicans 121

In Oakland, Stephen Curry had 37 points for his sixth 30-point game of the season, and the Golden State Warriors beat the New Orleans for their sixth straight win.

Curry had seven 3-pointers and nine assists, Kevin Durant added 24 points and eight assists, and Draymond Green contributed 16 points, 15 rebounds and eight assists for his first double-double of the season. Green has 50 assists in the last five games and is a big reason the Warriors are passing so well this season. They finished with a season-high 39 assists.

Anthony Davis returned from a two-game absence with a sprained right elbow and had 17 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists for the Pelicans.

Pacers 107, Knicks 101

In New York, Domantas Sabonis matched his career high with 30 points, Victor Oladipo scored 11 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter and Indiana beat New York.

Indiana trailed 97-94 with 3:08 left before Oladipo got hot. Sabonis hit two free throws, and then Oladipo picked off Tim Hardaway Jr.'s lazy dribble and threw down a breakaway dunk for a 98-97 lead. Indiana scored the next five points, capped by Oladipo's 3-pointer with 1:23 left, to make it 103-97.

Hardaway led the Knicks with 37 points, and Noah Vonleh had 14 points and 10 rebounds. New York has lost six of seven since winning on opening night.

Nets 120, Pistons 119, OT

In New York, Spencer Dinwiddie made a 3-pointer with 7.1 seconds left in overtime and finished with 25 points to help Brooklyn beat Detroit.

Joe Harris added 23 points, Caris LeVert and Jarrett Allen had 19 each, and Jared Dudley finished with 11. The Nets snapped a three-game losing streak to improve to 3-5.

Blake Griffin led Detroit with 25 points, Andre Drummond had 24 points and 23 rebounds, and Reggie Jackson scored 21 points. After Dinwiddie's late 3-poiter, Griffin missed a fadeaway.

Nuggets 108, Bulls 107, OT

In Chicago, Paul Millsap's putback with 0.1 seconds left in overtime lifted Denver past the Bulls.

Denver inbounded with 3.5 seconds remaining. Nikola Jokic missed, but Millsap grabbed the rebound and converted a layup off the glass. Nuggets improved to 6-1.

Jokic had 22 points and 12 rebounds. Zach LaVine scored 28 points for Chicago, and Wendell Carter Jr. added a career-high 25.

Nadal pulls out of Paris Masters; will lose No. 1 ranking

PARIS (AP)—Returning from one injury to play at the Paris Masters, Rafael Nadal pulled out with another one.

This time it wasn't the troublesome right knee which had sidelined him since the U.S. Open semifinals in early September, but rather an abdominal injury which just crept up on him.

Given his history of injuries, Nadal listened to advice and did not play his second-round match against Fernando Verdasco on Wednesday.

"The last few days I start to feel a little bit the abdominal, especially when I was serving," Nadal said. "The doctor says that is recommended to not play, because if I continue the abdominal maybe can break and can be a major thing."

This latest injury will cost him his No. 1 ranking, which goes back to longtime rival Novak Djokovic next week.

Djokovic lost his top ranking to Andy Murray at the Paris Masters two years ago.

As he then struggled to come back from a lingering elbow injury, the 31-year-old Serb's ranking plummeted to No. 22 in May this year.

But Djokovic has completely turned his form around, winning four of the last five tournaments he has entered, including Wimbledon, the U.S. Open and most recently the Shanghai Masters. The 14-time Grand Slam champion's brilliant comeback makes him the first player to reach No. 1 after being ranked below 20th in the same season since Marat Safin in 2000, according to the ATP Tour.

Djokovic faces Damir Dzumhur in the third round, the first time they have played each other.

For Nadal, it is the second straight year he has withdrawn from the Paris indoor tournament and he is not sure if he will play at the season-ending ATP Finals in London, starting Nov. 11.

"I cannot answer. I just go day by day," the 17-time Grand Slam champion said. "The most important thing for me is to be healthy, be healthy and have the chance to compete weeks in a row. Something that I was not able to do this year, playing only nine events and retiring in two."

Nadal has dealt with off-and-on knee problems for years and the 32-year-old Spaniard prefers to be cautious. At the U.S. Open, he retired during his match against Juan Martin del Potro. He then skipped the Asia swing to recover, missing tournaments in Beijing and Shanghai.

"It has been a tough year for me in terms of injuries so I want to avoid drastic things," Nadal said. "The doctor says if I want to play the tournament, I want to try to win the tournament, the abdominal with break for sure."

Nadal is optimistic his latest injury will pass, providing he does not rush back.

"It would not be fair to say it's a real injury today but what is sure, if I continue it will be a real injury," he said. "When you come back after injuries, and you push a little bit, the body at the beginning some issues can happen."

Lucky loser Malek Jaziri replaced Nadal and beat Verdasco 7-6 (5), 1-6, 6-3 and next faces defending champion Jack Sock.

Roger Federer also advanced to Thursday's third round after big-serving Milos Raonic retired before their match with a right elbow injury.

Raonic injured himself during a three-set win against Jo-Wilfried Tsonga on Tuesday.

"In the middle of second set, I overextended my elbow and it did some kind of pain," he said. "I went and I did an ultrasound and MRI, and they found some kind of a lesion in the tricep."

Federer, who won his 99th career title at the Swiss Indoors last Sunday, will next face 13th-seeded Fabio Fognini. He leads the Italian 3-0 in matchups.

Sock and fourth-seeded Alexander Zverev reached round three in straight sets.

The 16th-seeded Sock won 6-3, 6-3 win against Frenchman Richard Gasquet, while Zverev advanced 6-4, 6-4 over American Francis Tiafoe.

Sixth-seeded Dominic Thiem won 6-4, 6-2 against Gilles Simon, beating the Frenchman for the eighth time in 10 meetings.

No. 7 Kevin Anderson, the Wimbledon runner-up; No. 8 John Isner, No. 9 Grigor Dimitrov, No. 10 Kei Nishikori and No. 15 Diego Schwartzman also advanced.

Isner and Nishikori are competing with No. 5 Marin Cilic and Thiem for the last two ATP finals places. Cilic faces Dimitrov on Thursday.

No. 11 Borna Coric completed second-round action with a 6-4, 6-4 win against Daniil Medvedev and next faces Thiem.

Pats secondary expecting challenge from Rodgers, Packers

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — It didn't take Bill Belichick long to recall what Aaron Rodgers did against his defense the previous time that the Packers faced the Patriots.

"He killed us," Belichick said of New England's 26-21 loss in Green Bay in 2014. "He does everything well. ... He's one of the great quarterbacks in the National Football League. No question about it."

Four years later, not a lot has changed about Belichick's affinity for Rodgers or his abilities as the Patriots prepare to host Green Bay on Sunday night.

It presents the latest challenge for a New England defense that has had issues slowing teams down this season, particularly in the secondary.

Following the departure of defensive coordinator Matt Patricia to the Lions, the Patriots have struggled with consistency in 2018.

They currently rank in the bottom half of the NFL in both total defense (25th, 383 yards per game) and passing yards allowed (22nd, 227 yards per game).

Stopping the pass was a major issue in both of New England's losses.

Blake Bortles threw for 376 yards and four touchdowns, including a 61-yarder to Dede Westbrook in the fourth quarter of the Jaguars' 31-20 win in Week 2.

A week later, Matt Stafford had just nine incompletions and passed for 262 yards and two touchdowns in leading the Lions to a 26-10 victory.

And though the Patriots were able to pull out a 43-40 win against the Chiefs, it came despite Patrick Mahomes lighting up the defense for 352 yards and four TDs through the air.

The similarities in all those games were the ability of the three quarterbacks to create time and space with their legs.

Rodgers isn't expected to be as mobile as he continues to be slowed by the knee injury he sustained in Green Bay's season opener. But he's still managed to complete 61 percent of his passes while throwing for 13 touchdowns and just one interception.

Patriots cornerback Jason McCourty was with the Titans in 2016 when they beat the Packers 47-25 in a game that saw Rodgers throw two interceptions.

But he said he isn't counting on getting anything less than Rodgers' best this time around.

"I really don't want to compare anybody to Aaron Rodgers, so I won't go that route," McCourty said. "At the end of the day, however many football games you can play in preparation to help you get ready for this guy. ... He'll probably be the best quarterback we play against this year for sure."

Likewise, Rodgers is expecting to see various defensive looks from Belichick to get him off his game.

"Bill is a phenomenal coach and he's always going to have his guys ready to play," he said. "They do a number of different things — they don't just always major in one specific thing. They're going to try to combat what you do best and take it away and get you off schedule and lock down the guys they want to take away and make you beat them with your third and fourth options."

New England's secondary has shown improvement during its five-game win streak. Part of the reason is the support it has gotten up front from the defensive line.

A week after giving up 31 points to Chicago, the Patriots responded by limiting Buffalo's offense to just six points on a day in which Tom Brady and his offense struggled.

The defense had three sacks, including two from linebacker Kyle Van Noy. But the play of the game came from safety Devin McCourty, who picked off Buffalo quarterback Derek Anderson late in the fourth quarter and returned it 84 yards for a touchdown.

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Australia yesterday to begin the countdown for the 2019 Oceania Athletics Association Championships.

Over 500 athletes and 100 technical officials from the Oceania region, including the CNMI, will participate in the competition that will take place at the Townsville Sports Reserve Athletics Track in Queensland from June 25 to 28. The event will also served as a qualifier for the 2019 IAAF World Championships that will be held in Doha, Qatar.

OAA executive director Yvonne Mullins, Townsville Enterprise chief executive officer Patricia O'Callaghan, and North Queensland athletes Jake Doran and Nash Lowis attended the countdown announcement ceremony.

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after the completion of the resurfacing work in late 2017, while the Ada Gym has yet to undergo the scheduled renovation since Typhoon Soudelor damaged the facility in 2015. The Marianas High School Gymnasium, which is also one of the venues eyed for the Mini Games, was hit by the super typhoon, too.

Despite the destruction brought by Yutu to these facilities, the PGC believes they can be repaired in time for Saipan's hosting of the Mini Games.

"The great strength of the CNMI bid was that Saipan already has great sports facilities and whilst there might be some damage and cleanups needed, we are certain that every effort will be made to have the facilities in good order for 2021. It is very normal in our Pacific Games host countries for some venues to be ready only a matter of weeks before the competition. CNMI has plenty of time," Minogue said.

The PGC official also encouraged the Commonwealth to take a cue from Vanuatu, which was struck by a similar Category 5 typhoon (Cyclone Pam) two years before it hosted the 2017 Pacific Mini Games.

"Please recall Vanuatu was devastated by Cyclone Pam only two years before they hosted the 2017 Mini Games. PGC gave them plenty of time to recover and get their facilities back together," Minogue said.

"PGC will be making a follow-up visit to Saipan early next year but we want to assure your media and your government that we are behind you all the way to continue hosting the 2021 Games. Our best wishes to the people of Saipan and Tinian after the major cyclone. I hope recovery efforts are going well," he added.

Meanwhile, Northern Marianas Sports Association thanked PGC for its full support and expressed confidence in delivering the Mini Games on Saipan.

"NMSA is in complete agreement with the comments made by executive director Minogue, and we appreciate the support of the Pacific Games Council. Despite the damage we have suffered, our spirit is indomitable and our will is strong. NMSA has every reason to believe that we will not only be ready for 2021, but that our Games will be great. Biba Marianas!" NMSA president Michael White said.

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filthy rainwater inundated the family as they huddled together and tried to comfort the seven kids packed under the mattresses like sardines in a can. The sustained winds of the Category 5 storm eventually ripped the container door open leaving them with no options, but to hunker down under their soaked mattress and pray that a sheet of tin or any other object is not hurled down the length of the container.

"The suspended roof is gone and I don't have the courage to attempt going out there to secure the swinging door—the wind will throw me like a rag doll. The container was shaking and we were afraid it could roll even though it was welded into our foundation," Nick said.

For more protection, they used the scattered clothes and extension cords to make ropes and used them to tie down the mattresses with every adult getting to hand-hold. They hung on to the ropes for dear life for nearly seven hours with rain pouring over their head and things flying out of their severely damaged house at Katmelo Country Cliff (As Gonno, near Coral Ocean Point).

Spam and Easter Egg Hunt

When the ordeal was finally over, Nick and Rhonda rushed to find dry clothes from the closet that fortunately was not knocked down by the wind.

"Everybody was able to change clothes after soaking in rainwater for hours. I found rice that was still good and I opened Spam. We sat there and ate while staring at the destruction brought by Yutu not knowing what will happen next and waiting for the wind to settle," Nick said.

While everyone surveyed the damage caused by Yutu and began looking for things that could still be saved, their children kept themselves busy, picking up Easter Eggs.

"We had a *soko* (storage shed) that was full of stuff for holidays. It was decimated during the storm and things were everywhere. The kids ended up looking for Easter Eggs, hunting for about two hours, as the adults attempted to clean up. The Easter Egg hunt kind of helped them forget what happened earlier," said Rhonda

'It does not take blood to be family'

Help poured (and still pouring) in for the Gross family after the typhoon.

"People called, sent messages, offered their homes, brought supplies. They also offered to take care of the children for playdates while we salvage what once was a home and find some reprieve. We are so blessed to come out of this physically unharmed, and extremely overwhelmed with the love we are getting from family and friends (family and friends of family and friends) on island and abroad," Rhonda said.

Nick's sister, Ashley, who is based in Montana, has started a fundraising drive for the family via GoFund Me and people across the U.S. have pitched in to help the family recover. Jim Rayphand has opened up his home in San Vicente to the Gross family. With nowhere to go and no immediate plans, the family cannot thank Rayphand and his mother, Jeanne Rayphand, enough for their assistance. The place is a little busier than usual as family, friends, and co-workers are also stopping by to offer their sympathy and support.

"On Halloween, we decided that we had to get back to our place to remove everything, salvage what we could, and begin the process of inventorying our damages. We've lost everything, but we're so appreciative of all the help and support," Rhonda said.

"They are the people we meet every day at work, in school, in the community. They are helping us out like they are part of our family. It does not take blood to be a family. Locally, the support and assistance have been unbelievable and to all the folks out there around the world that have reached out to support us, we just can't thank them enough. We're overwhelmed with gratitude for everything everyone is doing to assist us." Nick said.

"We will start over and we really appreciate all the people helping us get back on our feet. Infinite thanks beyond words," Rhonda added.

Livestock for sale

Nick's family stays busy farming as well, as they raise pigs, chickens, ducks, pigeons, and goats. All 16 pigs are accounted for, while the goats returned the first two days after the typhoon but have not been seen since. They lost some chickens and ducks, too and those left are now roaming around the farm.

"The price of his livestock may have just increased as they can now be labeled free range," Nick joked.

With their children to take care of and a house to rebuild, Nick said it will be very difficult to tend to all the farm animals.

"If there are people interested in buying livestock, they could check me out," Nick said.

The family also appealed to people not to steal from someone's property.

"The entire community is affected by Yutu so let's not add to anyone's suffering by stealing from them. Let's help each other and we will all get through this," Rhonda said.

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Nick Gross tends to his free range farm animals a few days after Super Typhoon Yutu struck Saipan last week.

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CNMI can still host Mini Games

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The Pacific Games Council is confident that the CNMI is still capable of hosting the 2021 Pacific Mini Games despite the massive damage sustained by the various sports facilities on Saipan from Super Typhoon Yutu.

"The Pacific Games Council is very supportive of the 2021 Pacific Mini Games being in and remaining on Saipan. We have made contact with NMASA and asked for a full briefing in due course," PGC chief executive officer Andrew Minogue told *Saipan Tribune*.

The Oleai Sports Complex, which is the proposed main venue for the Mini Games, suffered extensive damage from the Category 5 typhoon that slammed Saipan and Tinian late Wednesday evening to Thursday morning. The fence of the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios and Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan ballfields were knocked down and bleachers were crushed. The entire fence of the sports complex was in shambles, while the track oval is also in bad shape. Glass windows and roofs at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium broke, too.

The track was just opened for competition early this year

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The Oleai Sports Complex fence is in shambles after Super Typhoon Yutu slammed Saipan last week, while the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield also sustained massive damage.

'Fort' protects Gross family from Yutu

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Friends and co-workers of PSS Athletic Program director Nick Gross help clean his house that suffered massive damage due to Super Typhoon Yutu.

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The family of Public School System Athletic Program director Nick Gross survived the wrath of Super Typhoon Yutu thanks to a "fort."

It's not the kind of fort that soldiers use for protection or the one we see in movies.

"It was our mattress," Gross said, adding that they brought the mattress with them when they retreated inside a container van they made into an extension to their house during the height of Yutu.

"When the kids started asking what's happening and why we are hiding under the mattress, I told them that we are camping out and we have this cool fort as our temporary housing," he added.

Nick's wife, Rhonda, said the words camping and fort somehow consoled their young children as they listened in fear as their roof and surrounding structures were decimated. Once the roof was gone, the sliding glass door was next. There was nothing left to do but listen to the eerie sound of the gusting winds and the deafening blast of a horn honking from one of the vehicles that was hit by debris.

Though shielded by the mattress Nick had tied down over them, the Gross family along with two of Rhonda's sisters, nephew, two nieces, and mother-in-law were not in the clear yet. As the storm raged on, so did the torrent of rain. With the roof gone,

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Lia Rangamar attends athletics seminar in NZ

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Northern Marianas Athletics sent Lia Rangamar to New Zealand for the 2018 Women's Leadership Workshop and IAAF CECS Level II Throws Course.

Rangamar left Saipan last Wednesday to represent the CNMI in the two events that will run from Nov. 2 to 11 in Auckland, according to NMA secretary Robin Sapong.

The leadership seminar will take place first with Dame Valerie Adams, Annette Purvis, and Debbie Strange listed as resource speakers in the event. Adam is an Olympian and World Championship veteran from New Zealand, while Purvis served on the Kiwi's athletics group board for 14 years. Strange is a respected and long-time throwing coach of New Zealand.

In related news, OAA officials were in Townsville,

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Lia Rangamar, second left, poses with, from left, Northern Marianas Athletics president Ray Tebuteb, her father Elias, and NMA secretary general Robin Sapong before leaving Saipan to attend two events in New Zealand this month.